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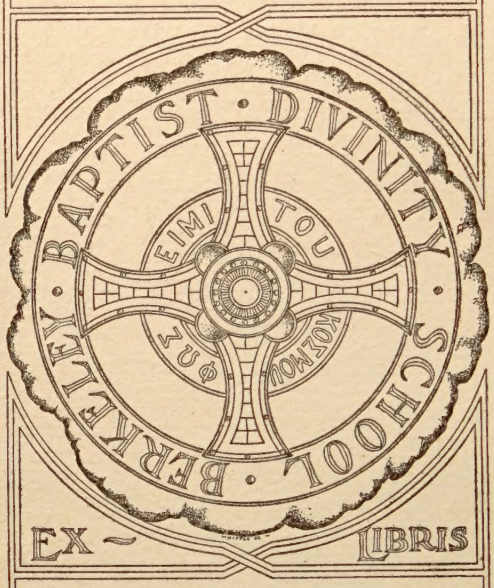

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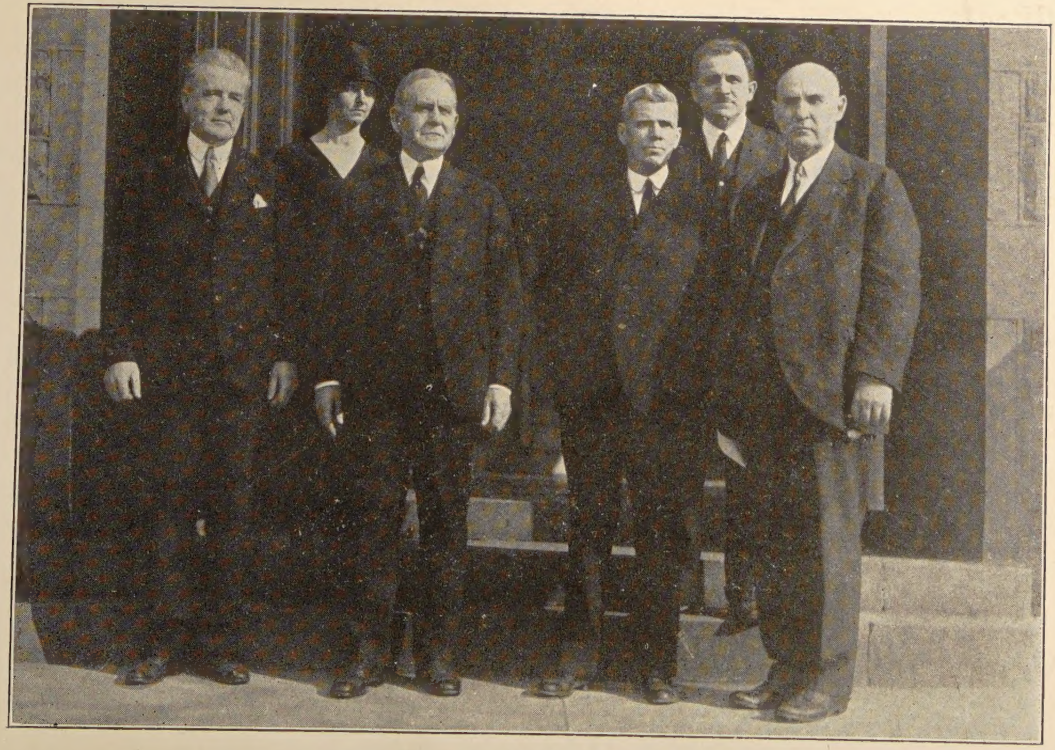

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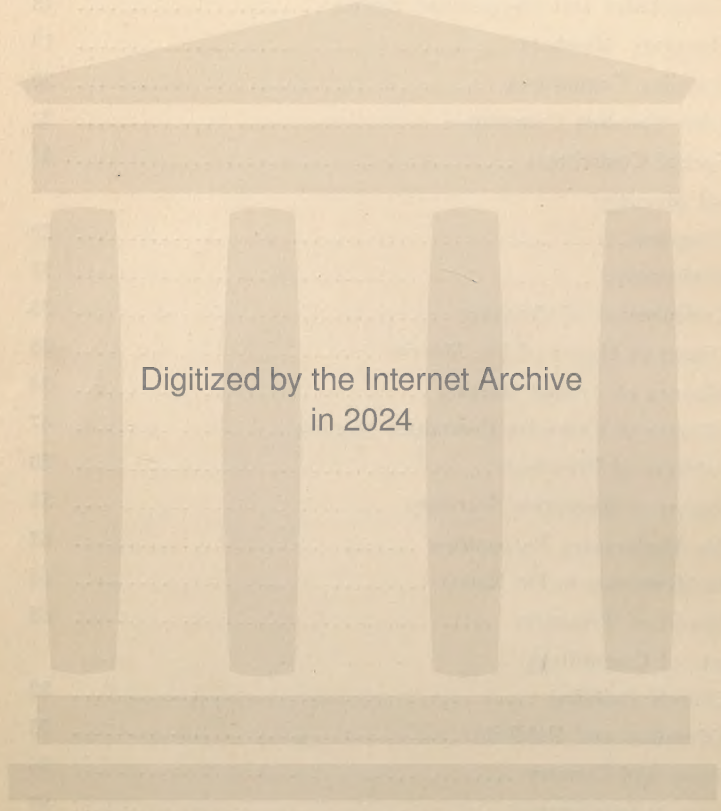

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Program

TUESDAY AFTERNOON, JANUARY 7, from 2.00 to 5.00 p. m.
in First Presbyterian Church

COMMISSIONS OF NORTH AMERICAN HOME MISSIONS CONGRESS

TUESDAY EVENING, from 8 to 9.30 p. m.

CONTINUATION OF MEETINGS OF COMMISSIONS

WEDNESDAY MORNING, JANUARY 8, from 9.00 to 12.00 p. m.
in First Presbyterian Church

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WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON, from 2.00 to 5.00 p. m.
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COMMITTEE OF ARRANGEMENTS OF NORTH AMERICAN HOME MISSIONS CONGRESS

WEDNESDAY EVENING, at 6.00 p. m.

DINNER IN HONOR OF REV. S. L. MORRIS, D. D.
Retiring in 1930 as Executive Secretary of Executive Committee of Home Missions of Presbyterian Church in the United States
Presiding Officer .....Dr. Charles L. White
Prayer .....Dr. James S. Kittell
Presentation of Paper.....Dr. Robert A. Hutchison
Remarks

OPENING SESSION OF ANNUAL MEETING

WEDNESDAY EVENING, JANUARY 8, from 8.15 to 9.30 p. m.
in First Presbyterian Church

JOINT SESSION OF HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL AND COUNCIL OF WOMEN
Presiding Officer .....Mrs. Orrin R. Judd
Devotions .....Miss Gertrude deClercq
Address—"Mormonism".....Dr. H. W. Reherd
President of Westminster College, Salt Lake City
General Discussion, to be led by Mrs. Dan B. Brummitt

THURSDAY MORNING, JANUARY 9, from 9.00 to 12.15 p. m.
in First Presbyterian Church

SEPARATE SESSIONS OF HOME MISSIONS COUNCIL
Presiding Officer.....Dr. Edward D. Kohlstedt
Devotions.....Dr. S. L. Morris
Address of President.....Dr. Charles L. White
Reports:
Executive Secretary.....Dr. William R. King
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Appointment of Temporary Committees
Business—Nominating—Finance
Reports—Committee on Church Building
Division of Architects .....Rev. E. M. Conover
Division of Church Erection...Mr. Joseph S. Wise, *Chairman*
Memorial to Dr. A. L. Ramer.....Dr. Franklin F. Fry
Fraternal Greetings

THURSDAY AFTERNOON, from 2.00 to 5.00 p. m.
in First Presbyterian Church

Presiding Officer.....Dr. Ernest M. Halliday
Devotions.....Dr. A. W. Sparks
Reports:
Committee on Town and Country
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Discussion
Committee on Education and Publicity
Rev. Coe Hayne, *Chairman*
Address—"The Home Mission Enterprise in Relation to World Evangelism" Dr. Herman Weber

THURSDAY EVENING, from 8.00 to 9.30 p. m.
in First Presbyterian Church

Joint Sessions of Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions
Presiding Officer.....Dr. Charles L. White
Devotions.....Dr. George L. Cady
Address—"The Southern Mountaineers," Miss Helen H. Dingman of Berea College and Executive Secretary, Conference of Southern Mountain Workers
General Discussion, to be led by Dr. Warren H. Wilson

FRIDAY MORNING, JANUARY 10, from 9.00 a. m. to 1.00 p. m.
in First Presbyterian Church

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Devotions.....Dr. Franklin F. Fry
Report—Committee on Comity and Five Year Program
Dr. Hermann N. Morse, *Chairman*
Address—"The Place of Denominational Activity in Projecting the Home Mission Enterprise".....Dr. John C. Seegers
Reports:
Indian Work.....Dr. Frank A. Smith, *Chairman*
Miss Helen M. Brickman, *Director*
City and New Americans....Dr. Charles H. Sears, *Chairman*
Joint Budget
Joint Administrative.....Miss Florence E. Quinlan
Interdenominational Council on Spanish-speaking Work
Dr. R. N. McLean
West Indies.....Dr. Samuel G. Inman

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, from 2.30 to 4.30 p. m.
in First Presbyterian Church

Separate Session of Home Missions Council
Presiding Officer.....Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer
Devotions.....Dr. John McDowell
Reports of Temporary Committees
Business—Nominating—Finance
Other Business
Executive Committee of Home Missions Council
Dr. Charles L. White, *Chairman*

Registration

REPRESENTATIVES OF CONSTITUENT BOARDS

Northern Baptist Convention

Baptist
Mitchell Bronk — Charles H. Sears
Coe Hayne — Frank A. Smith
Samuel G. Neil — Charles L. White

Christian
Herbert M. Hainer — A. W. Sparks

Church of the Brethren
M. Clyde Horst — H. H. Nye

Congregational
George L. Cady — Henry S. Leiper
Malcolm Dana — Charles C. Merrill
Ernest M. Halliday — Mary Preston
George W. Hinman — Luman H. Royce

Disciples
Mary Campbell — Grant K. Lewis

Episcopal
Franklin J. Clark — Harrison W. Foreman

Evangelical Church
H. Franklin Schlegel — C. H. Stauffacher

Friends
Mrs. George G. Wolkins

United Lutheran
Franklin F. Fry — E. A. Sievert
J. C. Seegers — Elisabeth Sievert

Methodist Episcopal
Elbert M. Conover — W. A. C. Hughes
Mark A. Dawber — E. D. Kohlstedt
William J. Elliott — Whitford L. McDowell
William M. Gilbert — Mary E. Samson
Jay S. Stowell

Methodist Episcopal, South
Mrs. J. W. Downs — Mrs. H. R. Steele

Methodist Protestant
G. W. Haddaway — Mrs. Marie Thompson

American Moravian
Edmund deS. Brunner

Presbyterian, Canada
Andrew S. Grant

Presbyterian U. S.
R. E. Magill — P. D. Miller
Henry W. McLaughlin — S. Leslie Morris

Presbyterian U. S. A.
William Adams Brown — Hermann N. Morse
John S. Conning — H. W. Reherd
John McDowell — Charles Stelzle
Warren H. Wilson

United Presbyterian
R. E. Hutchison — R. W. McGranahan
Lillian Kinzer

Christian Reformed
John Beebe

Reformed America
James S. Kittell — Seth Vander Werf

Reformed U. S.
Ralph S. Adams — John C. Horning
A. V. Casselman — William E. Lampe
William F. DeLong — Charles E. Schaeffer
Joseph S. Wise

United Brethren
Russell S. Showers

United Church of Canada
R. B. Cochrane — Colin G. Young

American Sunday School Union
George P. Williams

Interdenominational Council
Robert N. McLean

REPRESENTATIVES OF ORGANIZATIONS

American Bible Society
Charles W. Fowle

Christian Herald
W. G. Miller

Committee on Co-operation in Latin America
S. G. Inman

Community Church Workers
Richard E. Shields

Federal Council
John M. Moore

Golden Rule Association
John R. Voris

Massachusetts Federation of Churches
E. Tallmadge Root

Missionary Education Movement
Walter Getty

Young Men's Christian Association
Henry Israel

Commissions of the Congress

The Commissions of the North American Home Missions Congress met the afternoon and evening of January 7th and the morning of January 8th. (See page 115.)

Dinner in Honor of Dr. Morris

On Wednesday evening, January 8th, at 6 p. m. in the Hotel Morton, Atlantic City, N. J., a dinner was given in honor of Dr. S. Leslie Morris. Representatives of constituent bodies and affiliated groups of the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions, as well as the officers and executive secretaries of the two Councils, were present. Dr. Charles L. White presided. Prayer was offered by Dr. James S. Kittell. Dr. Robert A. Hutchison read a paper, "An Anniversary Recognition." (See page 63.)

Dr. Morris responded and expressed his great surprise and pleasure in being thus honored. He said he had sometimes been impatient "because we did not co-operate as we should in overlapping and in removing difficulties in matters where one could do the work to better advantage;" that he had sometimes dreamed of the time when every denomination co-operating in the work of the Council would officially name one or two representatives who would get together like the League of Nations and consider and decide upon the problems submitted to them. He hoped the day would come "when denominational drums shall no more throb, when sectarian battle flags shall be furled in the parliament of humanity in the federation of the Christian world."

Dr. White spoke briefly, saying in part, "Dr. Morris has poured out the most earnest gifts in the service of the Christian ministry and in building the walls of the Christian visible forces in the world and he has done this great act with such sacrificial love and devotion to his Lord that I am sure that long after he has been called to that other room in his Father's house, on occasions like this and whenever we think of him and his devoted service to the Lord, we shall be able to detect the fragrance of his consecrated life and ministry."

Miss Florence E. Quinlan, executive secretary of the Council of Women for Home Missions, expressed the felicitations and congratulations of the Council of Women.

Dr. William R. King, and others, expressed their congratulations and good wishes, which was followed by prayer and the singing of "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds."

Minutes of Annual Meeting

JANUARY 8, 1930—EVENING SESSION

The opening session of the annual meeting was a joint session of the Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions, held in the First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City, New Jersey, January 8th. Mrs. Orrin R. Judd, president of the Council of Women for Home Missions, presided and called the meeting to order at 8:25 p. m.

Miss Gertrude S. de Clercq, Associate Secretary of the Woman's American Baptist Home Mission Society, read a portion of scripture and offered prayer.

A solo was given by the organist and soloist of the First Presbyterian Church.

Dr. King introduced the speaker of the evening, Dr. H. W. Reherd, president of Westminster College, Salt Lake City, who spoke on "The Mormon Centennial and the Protestant Program."

Mrs. Dan B. Brummitt had charge of the discussion period which she opened with a list of questions concerning Mormonism.

VOTED to give Dr. Reherd a vote of thanks for his presentation of the Mormon situation.

Mrs. Judd asked that after a few moments of silent prayer some of those present offer a few words of spoken prayer. Dr. King, Dr. Williams, Dr. Gilbert, Mrs. Judd, Dr. Kohlstedt and others offered brief petitions.

Announcement was given of meetings to be held on January 9th.

One stanza of "My Country, 'Tis of Thee" was sung.

Dr. S. Leslie Morris closed the meeting with a benediction.

JANUARY 9, 1930—MORNING SESSION

The first separate session of the twenty-first annual meeting of the Home Missions Council was held in the chapel of First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City, New Jersey, January 9, 1930, 9:00 a. m.; Rev. Edward D. Kohlstedt, corresponding secretary of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, presided.

A hymn was sung and scripture reading and prayer were offered by Rev. S. Leslie Morris, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Rev. Charles L. White made his annual address as President of the Home Missions Council. (See page 50.)

VOTED to express appreciation of this address by a rising vote, joining our hearts and hands while so doing in harmony with the message.

Rev. William R. King presented his annual report as Executive Secretary. (See page 55.)

VOTED to adopt the report of the Executive Secretary.

VOTED that the President's address and the Executive Secretary's report be printed at once for general timely and effective distribution.

The following were introduced:

Rev. P. D. Miller, recently appointed editorial secretary of the Executive Committee of Home Missions, Presbyterian Church in the U. S.

Mr. Walter Getty, Secretary of Leadership Training and Promotion, Missionary Education Movement.

Rev. Robert B. Cochrane, Secretary, Board of Home Missions, The United Church of Canada.

Rev. Richard E. Shields, pastor of Community Church, Mountain Lakes, N. J., and member of joint committee representing Community Church Workers.

Rev. William H. Matthews, General Secretary, American Tract Society, and Honorary Member of Home Missions Council.

Rev. Abram W. Sparks, introduced by Rev. E. M. Halliday in his new capacity as Associate Secretary, Rural Work Department of Congregational Church Extension Boards.

Mr. Charles W. Fowle, Assistant Secretary, American Bible Society.

Mr. Henry Israel, National Committee, Y. M. C. A.

Rev. John M. Moore, General Secretary, Federal Council of the Churches of Christ.

Rev. Herbert W. Reherd, President of Westminster College, Salt Lake City.

Rev. G. W. Haddaway, Executive Secretary, Board of Missions, Methodist Protestant Church, who reported that all mission boards and societies in his denomination are now under one central board.

Rev. Andrew S. Grant, General Secretary, General Board of Missions, Presbyterian Church, Canada, introduced by Rev. Colin G. Young.

VOTED to have presented the matter of a special co-operative effort.

Dr. Kohlstedt stated that it was his growing conviction that in a number of instances, the total Kingdom interests could be served to greater advantage co-operatively than on the present basis. As an illustration he mentioned the recent action taken by the Methodist Board of Home Missions and the Board of Education (which shares the administrative and financial responsibilities in connection with the Wesley Foundation movement) to the effect that "no new work of this sort is to be undertaken either at tax supported campuses or at normal schools without first exhausting the possibilities of interdenominational co-operation along that line." The field in which he was im-

mediately concerned was Alaska and that at the annual meeting of his Board a recommendation that a committee be set up to make overtures to other communions who have work in Alaska was unanimously endorsed. He expressed the hope that some program may be worked out looking toward either a re-allocation of territory in Alaska, closer co-operative activities, or actually interdenominationalizing the total evangelical missionary enterprise in Alaska. Dr. King read the minutes, as follows, of an informal conference held recently:

Representatives of four denominations met December 31, 1929, 2.30 p. m., in the office of the Home Missions Council to talk over informally the situation in Alaska.

Dr. King stated the object of the meeting and reported action of the Methodist Episcopal Board of Home Missions and Church Extension taken at its recent meeting in Portland, recommending to the Home Missions Council a closer co-ordination of the Protestant forces in Alaska and referring the matter to the Executive Committee of the Methodist Board with power to act. This Executive Committee later approved the action of the Methodist Board and appointed a committee of five to confer with other boards on the matter.

After general discussion of the situation in Alaska, it was the unanimous opinion of the group that the situation in Alaska demands a closer co-ordination of the Protestant forces working in that region. Upon motion of Dr. Kohlstedt, seconded by Dr. McDowell, it was VOTED to overture the Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions to set up a joint committee on Alaska, made up of two men and two women from each denomination working in Alaska and willing to co-operate, who are to be appointed by their respective boards.

VOTED to refer this report to Business Committee and request that committee to report some action on it.

VOTED to make a correction in this report to the effect that the joint committee proposed be made up of two men and one woman from each denomination, with an alternate for each.

VOTED to adopt the printed program of this annual meeting as submitted by Dr. King. (See page 29.)

VOTED that the Chair appoint the members of the special committees on Business, Nominations and Finance. The following were appointed:

Business Committee

Charles E. Schaeffer, *chairman*

R. A. Hutchison — Frank A. Smith
S. L. Morris — C. H. Stauffacher
Colin G. Young

Nominating Committee

John McDowell, *chairman*

Franklin J. Clark — P. D. Miller
G. W. Haddaway — S. G. Neil
G. P. Williams

Finance Committee

Ernest M. Halliday, *chairman*

Franklin F. Fry — Clyde C. Horst
H. M. Hainer — J. S. Kittell
J. S. Wise

Rev. E. M. Conover presented the annual report of the Architectural Division, Committee on Church Building. (See page 70.) Mr. Miller, service editor of *Christian Herald,* was heard as part of this report. He announced that the exhibit in connection with the 1929 Church Building Competition was available for use in church gatherings and conferences.

VOTED to refer recommendation contained in report of the Architectural Division to Finance Committee.

VOTED to refer report of the Architectural Division to Business Committee.

VOTED that the Executive Secretary be asked to consult with members of the *Christian Herald* staff concerning possible opportunities for further co-operation with them.

The annual report of the Division of Church Extension, Committee on Church Building, was presented by the chairman, Mr. J. S. Wise. (See page 73.)

VOTED to receive the report.

Rev. Franklin F. Fry, Executive Secretary of United Lutheran Board of American Missions, presented Memorial to the late Dr. A. L. Ramer, former superintendent of Slovak-Hungarian Missions of his denomination, and member of one of the committees of the Council.

VOTED to receive this paper and to include it in the minutes of the meeting and to send a copy of it to the bereaved family. (See page 66.)

Fraternal greetings were presented as follows:

Mr. Charles W. Fowle of the American Bible Society asked that each constituent board give the American Bible Society the name of a representative through whom the Society could be of service to the denomination.

Dr. Herbert W. Reherd brought the greetings of Westminster College and also of the Utah Home Missions Council.

Dr. William H. Matthews of the American Tract Society told of recent publications and their usefulness in the home mission field.

Rev. W. A. C. Hughes, Director of Colored Work, Methodist Episcopal Board of Home Missions and Church Extension, pronounced the benediction.

JANUARY 9, 1930—AFTERNOON SESSION

The Home Missions Council convened in separate session at 2:15 p. m. The presiding officer was Rev. E. M. Halliday; Rev. A. W. Sparks read a portion of scripture and offered prayer.

VOTED that, in addition to the scheduled program, two extra reports—the reports of the Business Committee and the Nominating Committee—be included in this afternoon session.

The annual report of the Committee on Town and Country was presented by the chairman, Rev. Malcolm Dana; members of the committee spoke concerning various sections of this report. The following actions were taken:

VOTED that the resolutions presented in connection with the observance of Rural Life Sunday on May 25, 1930, be adopted.

VOTED that Rev. Coe Hayne be appointed the publicity agent of the Home Missions Council to further the observance of Rural Life Sunday.

VOTED to refer the request for appropriation of fifty dollars for Home Missions Council for printing of pamphlet on "Material and Ways of Observing Rural Life Sunday" to Business Committee.

VOTED that the Home Missions Council appropriate the sum of one hundred dollars to the Committee on Town and Country for the publication of a booklet announcing and promoting the approved schools for rural pastors.

The proposed organization of a joint commission on country life of the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council was discussed.

VOTED that the plan be approved in principle and that it be referred to the Committee on Town and Country, with the understanding that the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ will be approached for their approval and if this plan is approved by both Councils, the Committee on Town and Country will proceed to perfect details of the plan which is to be submitted again to both the Home Missions Council and Federal Council for final approval.

"The Proposed Administration of Pastoral Salaries" was presented by Rev. Warren H. Wilson, Director of Department of Town and Country Work of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A.

VOTED that inasmuch as this matter has already been assigned to a sub-committee of Commission I preparing for the North American Home Missions Congress on types of mission

work and administration, that it be referred to that sub-committee, with the request that the text of this proposal be incorporated in the report of that sub-committee; and with the further request that this sub-committee secure outside aid, if possible, in making the necessary studies and investigations.

VOTED that the report of the Committee on Town and Country be adopted as a whole. (See page 76.)

Dr. Charles E. Schaeffer, as chairman, presented the following report of the Business Committee:

Your Business Committee gave due consideration to the matters referred to it and makes the following recommendations:

1. That this Council hereby approves of the setting up of a joint Committee on Work in Alaska, to be constituted of two men and one woman from each denomination working in Alaska and willing to co-operate; the said committee members to be appointed by their respective Boards.

2. That the recommendation of the Architectural Division of the Committee on Church Building on the creation of a joint Committee on Church Architecture be referred to the Administrative Committees of the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council.

3. That this Council greatly appreciates the distinguished services rendered by the *Christian Herald* in publishing special editions each year, as well as single articles, in the interest of better church edifices and parsonages, and on Home Missions in general.

Resolution on the Retirement of Dr. Charles L. White as Executive Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society

This Council has learned with deep interest of the retirement of Rev. Charles L. White, D. D., LL. D., as the Executive Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society on December 1, 1929, and wishes to place on record its profound sense of appreciation of the distinguished services rendered by this outstanding missionary statesman in America for a period of twenty years covering the most critical, as well as the most constructive, era in co-operative Christianity in this country. By his winsome personality, by his sane and sage scholarship, by his broad outlook on the missionary field, by his deep insight into the vast and varied problems of the work, by his sympathetic interest in all forward movements in the missionary enterprise, and above all, by his cordial Christian friendship and fellowship, he has endeared himself not only to his own constituency but to his fellow workers in the wider circle of Home Mission leaders and workers. We felicitate him on his long, faithful and fruitful service as the Executive of his Society and wish him and his organization abundant spiritual blessings in the days and years to come. We rejoice in his eminent services as the President of the Home Missions Council since the days of the sainted Dr. Charles L. Thompson, in the grace and dignity with which he fills this responsible office, and we are happy to know that his retirement from the Secretaryship shall not interfere with his continuance as the President of this Council, in whose leadership we repose our confidence and pledge anew our hearty co-operation.

Resolution on the Retirement of Dr. John A. Marquis as Secretary of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A.

The Home Missions Council has learned with sincere regret that Rev. John A. Marquis, D. D., for a number of years the efficient Secretary of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A., because of prolonged illness, has been obliged to lay down the active duties of his office.

Dr. Marquis came to the secretaryship from a wide experience in the pastorate and in Christian education. His splendid intellectual attainments, his firm grasp of religious problems, his keen insight into perplexing situations and his inspiring leadership qualified him so eminently for the arduous duties of his responsible position.

On entrance upon office as the successor of Dr. Charles L. Thompson he identified himself with the Home Missions Council and at once assumed a place of leadership. He served on a number of the most important committees of the Council and his judgment on all home mission matters was eagerly sought and generally respected.

This Council expresses its sympathy to Dr. Marquis in his illness and prays for his restoration to health and strength and for continued service in the Church for which he lived and labored so long.

We rejoice to know that the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church U. S. A. has elected him as Secretary Emeritus and in that relation he still sustains vital contacts with this Council and we shall always be happy to welcome him in our midst and have the benefit of his counsel as his health and strength may permit.

The report was considered seriatim as follows:

VOTED to adopt recommendation 1 concerning the setting up of a joint committee on Alaska.

VOTED to adopt recommendation 2 to refer the formation of a joint committee on church architecture to the administrative committees of the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council of the Churches, with request that they create a committee to form the desired bureau.

VOTED to adopt recommendation 3 concerning the appreciation of the services of the *Christian Herald*.

VOTED to adopt resolution concerning the retirement of Dr. Charles L. White as Executive Secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society by a rising vote and that a copy of this resolution be sent to all denominational papers for publication.

VOTED to adopt resolution concerning the retirement of Dr. John A. Marquis as General Secretary of the Board of National Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U. S. A. by a rising vote.

VOTED to adopt the report of the Business Committee as a whole.

The report of the Nominating Committee was presented by its chairman, Dr. John McDowell, as follows:

Officers of the Home Missions Council for 1930

President—Charles L. White
First Vice President—Ernest M. Halliday
Second Vice President—John McDowell
Third Vice President—S. Leslie Morris
Fourth Vice President—Edward D. Kohlstedt
Fifth Vice President—Carroll M. Davis
Sixth Vice President—Grant K. Lewis
Recording Secretary—Ralph S. Adams
Assistant Recording Secretary—James S. Kittell
Executive Secretary—William R. King
Treasurer—A. M. Behrens

Standing Committees and Chairmen

Church Building—Architectural Division—A. F. Wickes
Division of Church Erection—J. S. Wise
Comity—Hermann N. Morse
Education and Publicity—Coe Hayne
Town and Country—Malcolm Dana

Executive Committee

Class of 1933	*Class of* 1932	*Class of* 1931
Alfred W. Anthony	Henry Beets	Thomas Burgess
W. L. Bretz	P. M. Camp	Paul de Schweinitz
George L. Cady	Carroll M. Davis	Franklin F. Fry
E. H. Coit	Ernest M. Halliday	Edward D. Kohlstedt
Andrew S. Grant	Robert A. Hutchison	Grant K. Lewis
G. W. Haddaway	James S. Kittell	John McDowell
Robert Laird	William B. Olmstead	W. H. Moses
Joseph B. Markward	Channing A. Richardson	Frank A. Smith
John A. Marquis	Charles E. Schaeffer	A. W. Sparks
S. Leslie Morris	John F. Seibert	Charles L. White
B. H. Niebel	Colin G. Young	G. P. Williams
John W. Perry	M. R. Zigler	Joseph S. Wise
Lawrence H. Seager		Edward M. Wistar

It is *Recommended* that the Rev. E. M. Halliday be named chairman of the Administrative Committee of the Home Missions Council.

At the 1929 annual meeting it was recommended that a committee be appointed to study the question of the length and term of officers and chairmen of committees of the Home Missions Council. A committee was appointed and considered this matter and reports as follows: It is *Recommended* that the election of the president, the vice presidents, the recording and assistant recording secretaries and chairmen of standing committees be annual, as at present, but with not more than one consecutive re-election.

VOTED to adopt the nomination of the officers, executive committee, the executive secretary and the chairmen of standing committees. The secretary was instructed to cast a ballot which was done and the ticket was declared elected.

VOTED to adopt the recommendation that Rev. E. M. Halliday be named chairman of Administrative Committee.

VOTED to amend the recommendation concerning length of time of service of officers and chairmen of committees and to strike out "the recording and assistant recording secretaries." VOTED to adopt the recommendation as amended concerning length of time of service, to the effect that the election of the president, the vice presidents and chairmen of standing committees be annual, as at present but with not more than one consecutive re-election.

VOTED to adopt the report of the Nominating Committee as a whole.

The annual report of the Committee on Education and Publicity was presented by its chairman, Rev. Coe Hayne. (See page 75.)

VOTED to receive this report and to refer the recommendations contained therein to the Administrative Committee.

Dr. Herman C. Weber made an address on "The Home Mission Enterprise in Relation to World Evangelism."

The session closed with prayer.

JANUARY 9, 1930—EVENING SESSION

Dr. Charles L. White, the presiding officer, called the joint session of the Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions to order at 8:20 p. m. Dr. George L. Cady made a brief devotional address, followed by prayer.

Miss Helen H. Dingman of Berea College, and Executive Secretary of the Conference of Southern Mountain Workers spoke on "The Present Challenge of the Mountains."

Dr. Warren H. Wilson outlined the present needs of the southern mountaineers.

There was general discussion concerning the great need of a co-operative and comprehensive survey and Miss Dingman reported on the progress made to interest state, philanthropic and church organizations in making a co-operative survey.

The meeting closed with the singing of "Blessed Be the Tie That Binds," and prayer.

JANUARY 10, 1930—MORNING SESSION

Mrs. Orrin R. Judd presided at the joint business session of the two Councils which was called to order at 9:15 a. m.

Dr. Franklin F. Fry conducted the devotional period.

The annual report of the Committee on Comity and Five Year Program of Survey and Adjustment was presented by the chairman, Dr. Herman N. Morse, followed by brief discussion.

VOTED to receive this report and to adopt the recommendations. (See page 99.)

Dr. Frank A. Smith, chairman of the joint Committee on Indian Work, referred to the annual report of this committee which had been duplicated and distributed to those present and particularly called attention to the budget needs.

Miss Helen M. Brickman, Director, Religious Work, Indian Schools, told of the diversity of the problems which face the Joint Committee on Indian Work and urged that the constituent groups provide better support for this interdenominational home mission work.

VOTED that the budget as presented be adopted, subject to the approval of each of the Councils in their separate meetings.

VOTED to adopt the report of the Joint Committee on Indian work as a whole. (See page 93.)

Dr. Charles H. Sears, chairman of joint Committee on City and New Americans, called attention to the mimeographed copies of the annual report of the Committee which had been distributed to those present. He emphasized the importance of the Conference on "The Church in the Changing City," to be held in Detroit, February 17-19.

VOTED to adopt the report of the Committee on City and New Americans. (See page 90.)

At the request of Mrs. Judd, Dr. White offered a brief prayer on behalf of those who are trying to establish a new home in this country.

Dr. Samuel G. Inman, Secretary of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, presented report of the Committee on West Indies.

VOTED to register appreciation of the federation movement of Latin-American Evangelical people.

VOTED to include in report of Committee on West Indies as published in the annual reports of the Councils a brief summary of findings of the Havana Congress.

VOTED to accept report of the Committee on West Indies. (See page 111.)

In the absence of the chairman of the Joint Administrative Committee, Dean Davis, Miss Florence E. Quinlan read the annual report of the Joint Administrative Committee which included joint budget matters.

VOTED to adopt report of the Joint Administrative Committee. (See page 89.)

Dr. W. R. King read report of informal conference held concerning work in Alaska which recommended the appointment of a joint committee of representatives of boards interested in Alaska. There was discussion with reference to the proportion of men and women to be appointed.

VOTED to approve the creation and appointment of a joint committee on Alaska and that details of membership be referred to the Joint Administrative Committee.

The report of the annual meeting of the Interdenominational Council on Spanish-speaking work, held December 10-15, 1929, at Denver, was presented by Dr. Robert N. McLean.

VOTED to accept the report and to approve the resolutions submitted. (See page 106.)

VOTED that the Interdenominational Council on Spanish-speaking Work become an organic part of the Home Missions Council and the Council of Women for Home Missions and that the exact relationship be determined by the Joint Administrative Committee of the Councils.*

Dr. John C. Seegers made an address on "The Place of Denominational Activity in Projecting the Home Mission Enterprise."

The session was closed with prayer.

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The Home Missions Council convened in separate session at 1.00 p. m.

The report of the Finance Committee was presented by Rev. Ernest M. Halliday, the chairman, as follows:

The Finance Committee places on record its appreciation of the thorough and efficient work of Miss A. M. Behrens, who, in addition to her duties as secretary to Dr. King, acts also as the competent treasurer of the Home Missions Council.

The Finance Committee has not made special provision for the proposed $500 appropriation recommended by the Architectural Division of the Committee on Church Building, but hopes that, if authorized by the Administrative Committee, the amount can be found in the General Budget.

* Action of Joint Administrative Committee, January 31, 1930: "VOTED that this matter be held in abeyance for another year, pending further consideration and action by the Interdenominational Council."

Recommended that the pledge of the Home Missions Council toward support of Religious Work Directors at Government Indian Schools be not in excess of the amount, viz. $5,562.50, which was received for this purpose in 1929, but with the understanding that any additional funds received for this work will be turned over as paid in.

Recommended, the approval of the treasurer's statement covering the year 1929, and the estimated budget expenditures, general funds, for 1930, as follows:

Rent of office	$ 980.00
Telephone and telegraph	160.00
Salaries of executive secretary and office force	11,404.00
Pension payment of executive secretary	525.00
Travel expense of executive secretary	1,800.00
Annual meeting expense	300.00
Annual report expense	600.00
Literature	300.00
Postage, stationery, supplies	560.00
Publicity	250.00
Miscellaneous	350.00
Equipment	75.00
	$17,304.00

VOTED to adopt the resolution concerning the services of the treasurer of the Home Missions Council.

VOTED to adopt the recommendation with reference to the pledge of the Home Missions Council for 1930 for the support of Religious Work Directors.

VOTED to adopt the report and to approve the budget recommended for 1930. (See page 68.)

There was general discussion concerning the proposed creation of a joint committee on Alaska.

VOTED to reconsider the action taken at the separate session held on the morning of January 9th referring to membership of this proposed committee.

VOTED to approve the creation and appointment of a joint committee on Alaska of the Home Missions Council and Council of Women, and that details of membership be referred to the Joint Administrative Committee.

Dr. King read telegram from the district superintendent of the Methodist Episcopal Church, San Francisco, that the Methodist Episcopal Church, South proposes to erect in San Francisco, without approval of the Interdenominational Council, a property to cost $1,000,000 four blocks from the Congre-

gational Church and five blocks from Temple Building Methodist Episcopal Church. At a called meeting of local Council, at which representatives of Methodist Episcopal Church, South did not appear, a resolution of protest was adopted asking that matter be deferred until full investigation could be made and also asking that the Home Missions Council take some action with reference to the situation.

There was general discussion concerning this matter.

VOTED that the information contained in the telegram be transmitted to the officials of the Methodist Episcopal South Church and that a request be made of both parties for all the facts in the case and that the Home Missions Council offer them its kind offices for possible arbitration.

There was discussion concerning the resolution of the Interdenominational Council on Spanish-speaking Work which reads,—"The name of this organization shall be the Interdenominational Council on Spanish-speaking Work, a Commission of the Home Missions Council."

VOTED that we approve of this request and refer the matter to the Joint Administrative Committee for action.*

VOTED that, if the amount can be found available in the general funds of the Home Missions Council, the request for $50.00 from the sub-committee on Rural Life Sunday of the Committee on Town and Country for Rural Life Sunday literature be granted.

VOTED that an expression of appreciation be extended to the pastor of this First Presbyterian Church, Dr. Henry Merle Mellen, to the Session, and to all those who assisted in matter of accommodations for the annual meeting of the Home Missions Council.

VOTED to adjourn.

RALPH S. ADAMS,
Recording Secretary.

* Action of Joint Administrative Committee, January 31, 1930: "VOTED that this matter be held in abeyance for another year, pending further consideration and action by the Interdenominational Council."

Minutes of Annual Meeting of Executive Committee

The Executive Committee of the Home Missions Council met immediately after the close of the annual meeting in First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City, New Jersey, Friday, January 10, 1930, at 1:30 p. m. The chairman, Dr. Charles L. White, called the meeting to order.

Dr. White presented the following report of activities of the Administrative Committee of the Home Missions Council during 1929:

The Administrative Committee, which has general oversight of Home Missions Council matters during the year, met on five occasions in 1929. Two letters in the nature of reports were mailed to members of the Executive Committee, one in April and one in September, in order to keep them informed of developments. We wish it were possible to call together the Executive Committee at least once a year in addition to the annual meeting, but the limited funds of the Council prevent. The Council in 1929 found it difficult to meet its obligations and the year closed with a deficit in the general funds account.

At the November meeting the matter of budget was discussed and it was agreed that the provision in our constitution which states that "the expenses of the Council shall be met by an apportionment to the organizations of which it is composed, in the ratio of their expenditures of the previous year" does not work out well in practice and results in possible inequities upon the smaller boards, and recommended that the budget committee build the budget on a more practicable apportionment.

The Administrative Committee considered several matters which open up new possibilities in the realm of co-operation. The agreement which was entered into by the Community Church Workers, the Federal Council and the Home Missions Council was unanimously approved, which agreement is included in the Executive Secretary's report. The secretary of the Community Church Workers is cordially co-operating with our Executive Secretary in the Five Year Program of Survey and Adjustment.

Considerable publicity has been given to the development of a new town for this motor age at Radburn, N. J. It was also planned that a co-operative church should be established there and to this end a joint committee, formed of representatives of the Home Missions Council, the Federal Council and of the denominations interested, was appointed. Your Committee heartily approved of this plan and the Council has been represented in the formation of a Council of Religion for Radburn. A minister has already been selected and is now actively promoting this interdenominational project.

A joint committee of representatives of the Federal Council and the Home Missions Council was also authorized for the promotion of a Union Church at Havana, Cuba. Members of both the Federal Council and the Home Missions Council have expended time and effort in attempting to secure funds for this needed interdenominational project.

In this connection a proposal was presented for a Union Memorial church at Washington Crossing but the way has not seemed clear as yet to push this matter.

The amalgamation of the former Home Missions Council Committee on City Work and the Joint Committee on New Americans was recommended to the Joint Administrative Committee in the interest of merging groups which had much in common and concentrating them in one joint group. This new joint committee has been actively at work during the year and is now promoting an interdenominational conference on city work which is to be held February 17-19, 1930, in Detroit.

It may be remembered that in the report of findings of the Church Comity Conference held in Cleveland in January, 1928, the setting up of interdenominational commissions was recommended. There is now functioning the Interdenominational New England Town and Country Church Commission and also the Inter-seminary Commission for Training for the Rural Ministry. We have invited both these groups to become affiliated members of our Council and have invited them to send representatives to this Annual Meeting. We believe there are splendid opportunities in prospect for these interdenominational commissions and our Council is eager to co-operate with them.

At the recent meeting held in Denver of the Interdenominational Council of Spanish-speaking Work action was taken making the Interdenominational Council a commission of the Home Missions Council.*

We have discussed at several meetings the need of closer co-operation of boards in special types of home mission work. At one of these meetings it was definitely voted "that the movement to more closely co-ordinate certain features of home mission work in certain regions among certain groups of people should be the general policy of the Home Missions Council." While the need for such co-ordination is recognized, very careful study and deliberation is necessary before the procedure can be worked out. During the year, however, definite action was taken by one of our major boards concerning the great need for co-operation by boards interested in work in Alaska. At an informal conference of executives of boards interested in Alaska it was recommended that a joint committee be formed of representatives of men's and women's boards definitely involved in work in Alaska to carefully study the problem and attempt a better co-ordination of Protestant home mission work.

Your Executive Secretary has given largely of his time and energy to the Five Year Program of Survey and Adjustment. While the Federal Council and the Council of Women are also interested in this Five Year Program, the chief responsibility devolves upon the Home Missions Council. It should be remembered that funds for the promotion of this Five Year Program come from individuals and your Executive Secretary is handicapped in the promotion of this work because of limited means.

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Dr. H. N. Morse of the Presbyterian Board of National Missions has assisted Dr. King and cared for the technical end of the survey. Dr. Morse's work has been invaluable and it is due to his skill that so much field work and tabulation has been completed. The need of publicity in connection with the Five Year Program and the Home Missions Congress was recognized and authorization was granted to employ the Rev. Charles Stelzle on a part-time basis to get our program before the public in church and secular papers. Authorization was given to the Executive Secretary to visit constituent boards insofar as his time and budget will allow and present the Five Year Program and the Home Missions Congress to them.

It was with great regret that we learned that one of our members retires from active service from the work of his board in 1930. It is our hope, however, that he will still be able to meet with us in our annual meetings. Our Administrative Committee unanimously voted that we honor Dr. S. Leslie Morris with a dinner in recognition of the loyal and faithful service he has given to the Home Missions Council.

VOTED to approve the actions taken by the Administrative Committee.

VOTED to receive the report of the chairman and to place it on file.

VOTED to elect as honorary Members of the Home Missions Council those whose names appear on page 19 of this annual report.

VOTED to elect the following as members of the Administrative Committee of the Home Missions Council for 1930, also the alternates named:

Ernest M. Halliday, *Chairman*

Charles A. Brooks	Edward D. Kohlstedt
George W. Hinman	John McDowell
Carroll M. Davis	J. S. Kittell
Franklin F. Fry	Charles E. Schaeffer

Alternates:

Frank A. Smith	William J. Elliott
Elbert C. Wood	Robert L. Donaldson
Franklin J. Clark	A. E. Mann
Z. M. Corbe	Joseph S. Wise

The Executive Secretary called attention to the need of allowing more time for the annual meeting in order to permit of deliberation and discussion of vital questions and suggested that for the year following the North American Home Missions Congress three full days be allotted to annual meeting sessions.

Dr. John McDowell offered the closing prayer and the meeting adjourned subject to the call of the chair.

Address of President

The Trend in Missionary Co-operation

The year for which, as a Home Missions Council, we render again our report of stewardship in co-operative thinking and missionary service, has been for all our boards a period of great stress and severe strain. Since we last met in annual meeting there has been a growing disregard for law and an increasing assertiveness by those opposed to missionary work of every type. Contributions have also shown a slight decline, which we trust can be explained on economic grounds rather than in the indifference of our constituencies.

Survey Studies

Under the tireless, devoted and wise leadership of our beloved Executive Secretary, Dr. King, we have advanced in our studies of ways in which we may happily co-ordinate our missionary activities. The studies, with their surveys brilliantly conceived and ably executed, have been made possible in a large measure by the co-operation of the Institute of Social and Religious Research. These studies and surveys will be continued and presented in December, 1930, in Washington at the first national home missions congress ever held in America.

A More Intimate Co-operation

In certain parts of our land the work of our Protestant home missionary organizations will early face fresh perplexities if there is not a reorganization of activities along lines of a more intimate co-operation, the value of which is evident to all. Unless missionary societies are willing to adjust their difficulties and cease their rivalries in certain mission fields, they will be rightly adjudged as recreant to their sacred trust by a great company of their friends and by the unbelieving generation of their foes.

Any continued duplication of our missionary efforts in rural areas, for example, is the prelude to the destruction of our influence in such places. In spite of our repeated resolutions to do our best to work together in all fields calling for an economic and proper co-ordination of our missionary forces, do we dare to continue to stand irresolute?

Expenditures on the Field

To pass along our vision of what should be done in certain rural communities, greatly over-churched, to the superintendent of missions in the local area who has the expenditure of our nationally gathered funds is relatively easy. But to require this same superintendent of missions to revise his work and re-arrange his programs and expend the funds placed in his hands in accordance with our vision of co-operation is the problem which most seriously baffles us. The reason why such a superintendent often does as he pleases instead of carrying out our suggestions lies in the fact that the local expenditure for missions in his division of territory must be approved by a committee representing a smaller unit of churches, denominationally organized in such a manner that they have the last word to say on the subject rather than the national society that gathered the funds with which the work of this smaller area is made possible.

If this superintendent, however, is under the direction of a national board and continues to overlook some rural fields for missionary work and to overload other fields with missionary workers, and if we cannot change this situation and control our own agent, then we may as well consider ourselves defeated and choose another agent who will organize our forces for a new attempt to procure missionary co-operation.

If any denominational society is so organized that it cannot correct the processes by which funds, nationally collected for home mission work to be conducted along lines of wise co-operation, are expended in the smaller areas on non-co-operative and competitive lines, then such a home mission society should explain to its national constituency its perplexity and refuse to accept funds given to it on an understanding which cannot be carried out.

The Quest of Our Council

To find ways to co-operate in the spiritual conquest of a continent is the quest of our Council. For this great end we were organized and the reason why we have met today is not that we may look through a telescope once more at certain distant pieces of missionary work, or to study other phases of work through a microscope which a skillful advocate may place under our bewitched eyes. We must stick to our task if we are to have our feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace. Rivalry in missionary work and duplication in missionary activities are a species of thinly disguised guerrilla warfare waged inside our Protestant missionary areas by those who call each other brethren. Until recently we have called

it a "generous rivalry" but hereafter we must describe it in less charitable language. The Home Missions Council has done much to overcome this wasteful employment of the messengers of the gospel. But there remains much land yet to be dispossessed of the non-co-operative spirit in missionary propaganda.

Missionary Advance

Our denominations were first formed along lines of greatest resistance. They fought nobly for the grounds of their faith and made converts by earnest arguments and by sacrificial living and giving. When the missionary impulse gained possession of these denominations they pushed out with intense convictions into the new and unknown sections of the West and South. These missionary organizations enlarged their fields of service and advanced in their missionary work along lines of least resistance.

The propagation of their faith was not less difficult than formerly. For several decades, however, they enjoyed plenty of room in which to advance and establish their churches. During this period there was always "elbow room" for the sowers to scatter the seed of the gospel and for the harvesters to reap their ripened grain without colliding with each other. But in recent years missionary work that is not conducted in co-operative ways finds great resistance from an unexpected quarter. This resistance is the expression of a constituency supporting our missionary societies which calls for simplicity of organization; economy of operation; efficiency in service; adequate results for funds expended; and harmony within Protestant groups doing missionary work in each community.

From this day forward selfish, blind sectarianism will have an uphill climb in America, along a rough path, zig-zagging between the precipice of dangerous adventure and the morass of dark discouragement.

Local Self-Determination

It would surprise many people to learn the extent to which communities long the objects of sectarian zeal have taken matters into their own hands and have reorganized their churches as they themselves have thought best. This lately appearing line of great resistance in a discouraged, confused and indignant community is not to be overlooked and is thought by some close observers to be a hopeful sign. But this movement for self-determination in a place hitherto a missionary area has, however, without doubt its very hazardous elements. It spells denominational disintegration, at least for a while, but

it will be interesting and may be painful to watch the results of the years which will be required to test this revolt in certain communities. If, however, in lessening the number of churches the standards of spiritual life are lowered, and the membership of the remaining churches becomes little more than associations of interested people socially akin, rather than spiritually transformed and fused together, then the last religious state of such a community may be worse than the first.

Co-operative Missionary Endeavors

The growth of co-operative studies of new or changing populations, and of increasing or retreating populations, is the most significant and encouraging phase of our united effort to Christianize the people of America. The evangelical churches of the United States may well learn lessons in wise and sane co-operative missionary work from the programs and progress made in this direction by the evangelical churches of Canada. In the cities and in their growing suburbs these co-operative studies and the acceptance of denominational responsibilities, after surveys have been made, are highly gratifying. Within these cities and their suburbs little opposition is found to co-operative missionary endeavors.

Without doubt the present greatest missionary problem in the United States and Canada is the bringing of weak and struggling churches, in areas of lessening population, into a safe and satisfactory form of co-operation before the struggle for self-preservation has exhausted the patience of those who dwell in such communities and who see the only way out of the tangle.

It is always discouraging to fish on a falling tide, no matter how good the bait is, and in such retreating waters our denominational fish lines become easily tangled and our denominational nets are torn on sectarian rocks or are lost in the sands of local rivalries and despair. In all such communities unless there are concessions on secondary matters there is grave danger that the most devoted and evangelical pastors may not be able to gain their primary spiritual objectives.

A Processional or Recessional

If we do not find a way out of our difficulties through a larger co-operation and fraternity in our missionary work and learn to unite in the processional hymn of hope and victory, we may soon be sadly joining in a recessional chant of discouragement and lessening faith. And as one door after another of hope for a sane and Christian-like co-operation in home mis-

sion work closes behind us, the waiting and listening congregations of our friends and critics will only faintly hear us still singing in the distance, "Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Christian love." It is high time for us to learn to sing a new hymn that shall begin with the thought—Blest be the tie that binds our hearts and hands in missionary labors.

There are certain wide fields in which we should learn to work together in mutual advance and in a finer articulation of our missionary undertakings. Alaska is such a place; Latin America also offers splendid possibilities in educational work and in the support and supervision of hospitals. Our outreach too among the Indians is another promising way in which we may all co-operate to greater advantage.

The New Song

This address has struck but the one bell of missionary co-operation in the carillon that hangs in the church tower of this new era in home missionary advance. But if we properly attune our minds and hearts to its note of warning, it will later sound for us the key to a new song of co-operative victories in our missionary labors.

The Kingdom of God will certainly be established in America, but its coming will be greatly delayed if we are not wise enough, brave enough, and resourceful enough to advance together and in a happy and brotherly co-operation. Those who further this movement by their gifts and heroic devotion must stand shoulder to shoulder and heart to heart. They must oppose and conquer the determined forces of superstition and irreligion and must learn to walk through the darkness which their spiritual vision will penetrate.

CHARLES L. WHITE.

Report of Executive Secretary

The past year's work of the Home Missions Council has been most encouraging. Not every prospect has been pleasing but many things have rejoiced our hearts. It has been a busy year, and a very enjoyable one. We could wish for quicker results and more rapid progress, that is human and American, but we have no reasonable grounds for complaint or discouragement. Making progress in interdenominational co-operation is necessarily slow. It is like driving up Fifth Avenue, New York. There is so much cross-town traffic; there are so many empty taxis cruising for passengers; there are so many joy riders luxuriating in their own special models; altogether it is difficult to get on. However, our encouragement is in the signals along the way. While we must stop on the red light, there is no speed limit imposed by the green lights. By stepping on the gas at the right time, we can make progress.

We are encouraged by the growing interest on the part of the church at large in our program, and the splendid spirit of co-operation on the part of our denominational leaders. More and more the people on the side streets are turning into line upon the Avenue. The main drifts today are in the right direction.

I shall not attempt in this report to cover all the details of the year's work. Most of the activities of the Council will be included in reports of the several committees. This report will have to do with the more general work of the Council, and of activities of the office and your secretary.

The work of the Council is carried on through its several committees, state and local councils, and affiliated bodies.

Committees

There are at present, in addition to the Executive and Administrative Committees, three standing committees; seven special committees, and four joint committees with the Council of Women. During the year the Committee on City Work consolidated with the joint Committee on New Americans, and is now the Joint Committee on City and New Americans.

The Interdenominational Council on Spanish-speaking Work, which for the eighteen years of its existence has had only an affiliated relationship to the Home Missions Council, voted at its December meeting in Denver to become "a commission of the Home Missions Council."

State Councils

There are now 19 State Home Missions Councils functioning with more or less success. Two new State Councils were organized during the year, New Mexico and Arizona. These are Superintendents' Councils. There are also eight State Councils of Churches and 45 local City Federations of Churches with which we work. Movements are under way in other states for the organization of councils.

State Home Missions Councils have at least one meeting a year; some have two regular meetings a year. It is my policy to attend these state meetings as far as possible. I have met with all of them, and with some of them at all their meetings.

Special Committees

During the year three special committees have been appointed, as follows:

A. *Community Church Committee of Nine*

This is a joint Committee consisting of three members each from the Home Missions Council, Federal Council of the Churches, and the Community Church Workers. The plan provides the following basis of co-operation.

"There shall be established a joint Committee of the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Home Missions Council and the Community Church Workers of the U. S. A., consisting of three members from each group. The function of this Committee shall be,

(a) To study—in co-operation with the five-year program of survey and adjustment of the Home Missions Council—the spiritual interests of individuals and communities of America with special reference to the question, How can the churches—present and future—so work together as to produce the best spiritual results without competition and overlapping of effort.

(b) To make such recommendations to local communities and to state and national ecclesiastical bodies as shall grow out of this study.

(c) To follow up such recommendations by whatever means may seem wise to realize the ideal of greater unity and effectiveness among the churches of America, recognizing first, last and all the time the right of the community to determine the nature and form of the church, whether denominational or otherwise, which it will attend and support.

"The Executive Secretary of the Community Church Workers of the U. S. A., shall co-operate with the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America in the following ways:

(a) Co-operation in the five-year program of survey and adjustment with particular responsibility for the adjustments to be made in local communities, following the survey, and shall be ex-officio member of the joint committee of the five-year program.

(b) Participation in conferences and other educational programs looking to the cultivation of the co-operative spirit.

(c) Corresponding secretary of the Joint Committee on Community Churches."

B. *Council of Religion for Radburn, N. J.*

This is a plan to provide a co-operative church life and ministry for the new city of Radburn, N. J., which is being promoted by the City Housing Corporation of New York at a point on the Erie Railroad about four miles from the city of Paterson, N. J.

The town itself is unique. It is being built for the "motor age" with a system of streets and parks, playgrounds and underpasses, unlike anything yet attempted.

The Council of Religion for Radburn is made up of two representatives from the Home Missions Council, two from the Federal Council, one from the New Jersey Council of Churches, and two from each of the following participating denominational bodies represented in that section:

The Diocese of Newark (Episcopal).

The Presbytery of Jersey City (Presbyterian).

The Particular Synod of New Brunswick (Reformed).

The Newark Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Board of Directors of the Middle Atlantic Conference of Congregational Churches.

This Council has charge of religious activities of this new and rapidly growing New York suburb. The Church is called "The Church of Radburn—A Christian Co-operative Movement." Rev. Deane Edwards, an ordained minister of the Reformed Church, has been called as the pastor of Radburn. He was installed on the evening of December 12, 1929, in what is believed to be an installation without parallel in the history of the Protestant Church. The sermon was preached by Bishop Francis J. McConnell, President of the Federal Council of Churches. A budget has been provided by the co-operating denominations. The chairman of the Council is Rev. Edwin S. Carson of the Episcopal Diocese of Newark. No church edifices have as yet been built—services for the present are being conducted in an old building on the ground. It is agreed that as the town grows and occasions arise the denominations will build their own churches and carry on their own distinctive work, but according to comity arrangements and mutual understanding, and in co-operation with the general Radburn

Council of Religion. This is a most interesting and unique adventure in real co-operative Christianity, which, if it succeeds, may point the way in other places.

C. *The Committee on the Union Church of Havana, Cuba.*

This is a joint Committee of the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council to further the interests of the Union Church in the important city of Havana. A valuable property has already been secured and almost free of debt. A building is greatly needed. Havana is an important city; hundreds of English-speaking people live there; thousands visit Havana every winter. This is an effort to meet the need, and provide an adequate church plant.

The Five Year Program of Survey and Adjustment

This program consists of five parts.

A. The organization of State Councils and regional and local commissions.

In this we are co-operating with the Federal Council in its special Extension Program, upon which it is majoring during this quadrennium. It is my conviction that it is most desirable to have but one state council for all types of interdenominational co-operative work. That council should be an inclusive State Council of Churches, with commissions to represent the various causes, of which Home Missions is one.

The Montana Home Missions Council, at its tenth anniversary meeting in July, voted to invite other interdenominational organizations of the state to unite with it in forming a State Council of Churches of which each constituent group would become a commission.

The new State Council of Churches in Michigan has been completed recently. Plans are under way for the organization of a State Council of Churches in Iowa and other states.

First steps have been taken toward the organization of an Interdenominational Ozark Commission to co-ordinate the work in the Ozark region of Missouri, Arkansas and Oklahoma. Movements are also under way for the organization of commissions in other sections and among other groups.

B. The Survey.

The survey is under way in fifteen states. Through the splendid co-operation of the Institute of Social and Religious

Research we are able to make a number of intensive surveys of typical groups and regions, some of which have been completed. A full and detailed report of the survey will be made by Dr. H. N. Morse, Director of Surveys for the Council. I want, in this connection, to express my great appreciation of his excellent work in giving technical, expert direction to this survey.

C. The Home Missions Congress.

The three Commissions preparing for the Congress have just been in session at this place, for the second time, going over the work assigned them. They have been organized for two years, and through sub-committees have been making studies and researches for the use of the Congress. These Commissions will have their reports and findings in shape within a few months. Copies will be sent well ahead of the Congress to all delegates so that they may be thinking it over. I will not go into the details of the Congress in this report. It has been before you in conferences, in print, and will be constantly brought to your attention during the next eleven months.

D. Comity Adjustments.

Cases of comity are coming to us constantly. All matters of comity that come to the Federal Council are referred to us for consideration. An increasing number of communities are becoming interested in co-operation, and are asking for suggestions and help in working out their problems.

The programs of Adjustments following the surveys are getting under way as rapidly as we are able with our small force and limited budget to push it. In this we have the co-operation of Dr. J. R. Hargreaves, Executive Secretary of the Community Church Workers. He is constantly in touch with local communities where adjustments are needed and being called for, and is rendering valuable service. This is the slow and difficult part of the Five Year Program. It is the hot end of the poker. It has to be handled with care and patience. In this work we confront situations such as Paul had in mind when he said to the Corinthians, "For a great door and effectual is opened unto me, and there are many adversaries."

E. The Follow-up Program of Conferences in States.

This part of our general program is getting under way. It necessarily waits upon the surveys. One state conference has been held in New Hampshire. Three regional conferences are set for the early weeks of this year in Pennsylvania and New York. Others will come later in the year. It is our pur-

pose not to push this work until after the Home Missions Congress. Then, it is hoped, we shall have a great extension conference program that will carry both the results of our surveys and findings of the Congress to the entire country.

Meetings Attended

During the year I have attended and taken part in the following important conferences and conventions:

The Ohio State Pastors' Conference.
The New England Town and Country Church Commission.
The New England Rural Commission of Maine.
The New York State Council of Churches.
The Quadrennial of the Federal Council.
The Community Church Workers.
Summer Schools for Rural Pastors at Vanderbilt University, and University of Virginia.
The Congregational Association in Maine.
The United Presbyterian General Assembly.
The Presbyterian General Assembly U. S. A.
The American Country Life Association.
The Annual Meeting of State and City Federation Secretaries.
State Home Missions Councils in seven states.
Committee meetings and small conferences in large numbers

These things, with the routine work of the office and occasional articles for the church papers and magazines have kept me busy and happy.

May I now, in closing this report, call your attention to a few things that shall engage our thought and effort this year.

The one big thing for the year is the North American Home Missions Congress to be held in Washington, D. C., December 1-5, 1930. The importance of this gathering cannot be over-emphasized. It is the first time in the 130 or more years of organized Home Missions that denominations have attempted such a study of their common task. The success of the undertaking will depend upon the co-operation of our constituent boards. It must have your active and your enthusiastic participation. It is a real opportunity—let's make the most of it.

To this end may I earnestly request of all our Boards four things:

1. That you appoint your full quota of delegates. Do not allow the item of expense to prevent your denomination from participating in its full share in this meeting. There is nothing

you can do, either with your time or money, that will mean more for the Kingdom of God and the success of your own denominational boards. This Congress is going to bring to the study of Home Missions the best informed men and women of the Church. Out of it will come a composite wisdom that will greatly enrich the thinking and strengthen the programs of every denominational board. Each denomination should have the largest possible participation in it.

2. Make provision in your budget for 1930 for the expenses of your delegates. Do not allow the cost to frighten you. Make adjustments, postpone some other things, raise extra money; in some way get this in your budget.

3. In selecting your delegates to the Congress, include outstanding denominational leaders and some representative men and women from racial and special groups.

4. Pray for the success of the Congress.

Another thing that is beginning to take form in our thinking and planning for this year is a better co-ordination of our Home Mission forces on the field, and a finer co-operation in some of our distinctive Home Missionary Enterprises.

You will detect this in the reports of some of our committees. Some definite and constructive steps are being contemplated. The feeling, I think, is growing upon us, that for the days ahead our purely Home Mission work, as it might be differentiated from church extension, must become more and more co-operative. There are certain regions of country, like Alaska, the Ozarks, the Southern Mountains, and the West Indies that might be more closely co-ordinated through regional interdenominational commissions. There are also certain types of work, such as that among foreigners in the United States, Indians, Mexicans, Orientals, loggers, etc., which could be more economically and effectively carried on through co-operative programs.

Some proposals along these lines are now being considered, and it is our hope that during this year one or more definite things may come to pass.

In these days, when all lines of industry and business and human endeavors are seeking to eliminate waste and inefficiency by co-operation and mergers, surely the children of the light will be as wise in their day and generation as the children of the world.

We are discovering the necessity of this thing through surveys now under way. They are very revealing. Some very startling facts are being burned into our souls as we study the fields.

For example:

The large percentage of people who are unchurched, and upon whom the church is making little or no impression.

The distressing condition of overchurching in many places.

The equally serious, if not more general sin of overlooking and neglecting the "by-ways and hedges."

The less flagrant, but even more general iniquity of inadequate churching—the maintenance of little, ineffective, lifeless churches, that, like the fig tree that so irritated our Lord, are cumbering the ground.

The alarming restlessness of preachers, due to impossible and heart-breaking conditions in many of our churches.

The widespread discouragement of churches in home mission fields because of financial and other burdens too heavy to be borne, due to divided resources and non-co-operation.

The prevalence of sects and nondescript groups, that are preying upon the credulity, ignorance, and emotionalism of backward and underprivileged communities which have been neglected by the legitimate denominations.

The lack of vision and program on the part of village churches for surrounding country sections no longer able to maintain churches.

The backward trend in giving to our mission boards, and our increasing inability to support home mission work on the old policy of every denomination for itself and the devil take the hindmost.

These are some of the red hot facts that are being burned into our souls by the surveys now going on in fifteen states, widely scattered over the nation.

The hopeful thing is that we are finding out these things; that we are beginning to deplore them; and that we are going to make an honest Christian effort to correct them. Without forgetting our denominational interests but by co-ordinating our forces in co-operative programs we will save men and communities and churches.

With great appreciation of the splendid support and the unusually cordial and brotherly co-operation you have given to me and the Council, this report is

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. KING.

An Anniversary Recognition

SAMUEL LESLIE MORRIS, D. D., LL. D.

On the twenty-second anniversary of the Home Missions Council, it is my privilege to bring a word of appreciation of Samuel Leslie Morris, D. D., LL. D., a charter member of the council, a faithful, efficient worker and official of that body through its entire history. The occasion of this appreciation arises in the fact that this year Dr. Morris retires from his official position as executive secretary of the Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States. This position has linked his life and service with the Council and he has filled this position with grace, dignity and success since the year 1901, or practically a full 30 year period.

With perhaps one exception, Dr. Morris has attended the annual meetings of the Council since its beginning. He has been active in the work of its standing and special committees. Frequently, too, in response to requests, he has brought to the council enlightenment and inspiring addresses on current important subjects. In the early days, he read a paper on "The South and Home Missions," at another time, he addressed the annual dinner gathering on "The Purpose of the Home Missions Council," another of his exceedingly informing and useful services of this kind was a report on "Negro Migrations, Effects in the South and Problems in the North."

The life work of Dr. Morris in his own denomination has been that of a busy, successful pastor in his early years. Since 1901, he has been a tireless, efficient board administrator. It is significant that since Dr. Morris began his work as secretary of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church, United States, in 1901, the Protestant Church membership in this country has increased from 18,500,000 to 28,000,000 a gain of 52 per cent, but in that time, the Presbyterian Church, United States, has grown in membership from 227,991 to 470,000 or an increase of 106 per cent. In that period, the home missions equipment of the Assembly, served by Dr. Morris, has grown in value from $10,000 to $1,000,000, which is an increase of 9,900 per cent. The home missions receipts in that time have increased from $26,915 to $590,000, or 2,190 per cent.

I am sure you will want to know more about the personal life and history of Dr. Morris. I can only say that there has been crowded into this short life so much of active usefulness that it cannot all be told in a brief paper. Suffice it to say, however, that Dr. Samuel Leslie Morris is a son of James Hervey

and Anna E. (McCaslan) Morris. His paternal ancestors emigrated from England in 1788 and located in Abbeville District, South Carolina, where he was born December 25, 1854. His maternal ancestors were from Ireland. He is of godly parentage. He spent his childhood days on a farm. He entered Erskine College, South Carolina, and graduated there in 1873, the youngest of his class, being then only a little more than 18. Dr. Morris graduated at Columbia Seminary in 1876; was licensed to preach by South Carolina Presbytery September 17, 1875, and was ordained April 22, 1877. On October 23, the same year he married Ella M. Brice, of Fairfield County, South Carolina.

Aside from being pastor and secretary, Dr. Morris has filled many positions of great importance, took an active part in the Woodrow evolution controversy, leading the defense of Dr. Woodrow; trustee of Columbia Theological Seminary; trustee of Oklahoma Presbyterian College; member of the Assembly Hyman-Book Committee that prepared the Hymn-Book now in use; member of the Pan-Presbyterian Alliance in 1899 and representative of the Assembly of the Southern Presbyterians to the Continental Conference of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches in 1923; member of Conference on Life and Service, Stockholm, Sweden, 1925; member Pan-Presbyterian Alliance at Boston, 1929.

In addition to his other arduous labors and varied activities, Dr. Morris has gained an enviable reputation and has made a valuable contribution to the church as an author. Time and space will permit only a reference to the number of valuable pamphlets and leaflets prepared by his hand, but we will mention a few of the larger and more important books, which we all readily recall and highly appreciate. We would mention especially "At Our Own Door"; "The Task that Challenges"; "Christianizing Christendom"; "Presbyterianism—Its Principles and Practices"; "The Romance of Home Missions"; "The Fact of Christianity"; "The Drama of Christianity"; "The Records of the Morris Family."

Certainly this man has an intellect far surpassing in proportions his physical stature. Those who have read his books and have had the privilege of hearing him speak know that he has a vocabulary which enables him to express himself clearly and strongly. His co-laborers and associates all agree that he is a Christian gentleman, worthy of respect and the highest esteem.

In the early days of the life of Dr. Morris our country was in the throes of civil war. In the very nature of the situation, the interests of Dr. Morris became the opposite of the interests

of the fathers of many of us here tonight. The big, progressive, generous heart of the man appears in that the father of Dr. Morris gave his life in one of the battles of this war. Yet, Dr. Morris was one of the first to enlist with his fellow-citizens, North and South, in the still greater and prolonged war to redeem this country from the world, the flesh and the devil. In this struggle for conquest of America, came the conflict to suppress the saloon. In this his immediate section of the country took the lead. He was also one of the first to unite in the organization and development of this Home Missions Council for the publication and extension of the Gospel of Christ in our land. This same spirit is manifested in Dr. Morris and his fellow-Southerners by whole-heartedly entering the national ranks in the Spanish-American war for the freedom of Cuba and in the ranks of our country in the World war to extend civil and religious liberty to the ends of the earth. We admire the great spirit of this man, who with his fellowmen of all sections, unites in this large movement where the spirit of the North and the spirit of the South become one in the Spirit of God. This is fittingly set forth in the following verses:

Here's to the blue of the windswept North,
When they met on the fields of France.
For the spirit of Grant was with them all,
When the sons of the North advanced.

Here's to the gray of the sunkissed South,
When they met on the fields of France.
For the spirit of Lee was with them all,
When the sons of the South advanced.

Here's to the blue and gray as one,
When they met on the fields of France.
For the Spirit of God was with them all
When the sons of the flag advanced.

Institutions of learning have rightly honored Dr. Morris with degrees of bachelor of arts, doctor of divinity, and doctor of laws.

Our united voice is one of congratulation to him and special appreciation of the privilege of his fellowship and association. We unitedly extend the heartiest wishes for many years of joyful service and fellowship in the co-operative work of the gospel.

Our thinking tonight follows the narrative and recital of the varied activities of the life and work of Rev. Samuel Leslie Morris, D. D., LL. D., our brother and partner in the same fellowship.

We have viewed this narrative and recital of activities in relation to his membership in the Home Missions Council which

stretched across the entire history of that institution and also in relation to his position as Secretary of the Executive Committee of Home Missions of the Presbyterian Church in the United States.

Dr. Morris has filled this important position with honor and success and is soon to retire. Therefore, Be it *RESOLVED* that Dr. Morris be asked to continue in the Home Missions Council as an associate member and that we hereby place on record this minute of our profound appreciation of his work and fellowship in the Council and extend him our hearty congratulations by reason of his long and efficient service as Executive Secretary of the Committee of Home Missions in his own denomination, and with it all our earnest and united prayer for a continuation of joy in his service of God and of sweet fellowship of the people of God in all his human undertakings and contacts.

R. A. Hutchison.

In Memoriam

A. L. RAMER

Dr. A. L. Ramer passed into the life immortal March 8, 1929. He was a loyal servant of Christ and His Church. He gave his life with rare devotion to the cause he loved and served. He filled a unique place in our work among New Americans and was a familiar figure in all sections of the land.

Early in his ministry he dedicated himself as an itinerant missionary to Hungarian and Slovak people. With singleness of purpose he centered his energies upon Lutherans who had come to the United States and Canada from southeastern Europe. As proof of his definite choice, he spent two years in Budapest applying himself with unremitting diligence to the study of the language as well as of the customs and life of the people in their homeland.

The Church was quick to recognize the value of his training and gifts in ministering to these scattered people. For a score of years he was identified with Immigrant work. He was a loyal friend of these New Americans. He knew them as a father knows his children. They called him their "spiritual father."

His death was tragic. While in the discharge of his official duties, the fatal accident occurred. He had left the automobile of a friend and was attempting to get a motor bus to Phila-

delphia when he was struck by it and taken to Cooper Hospital in Camden, N. J. His right leg and several ribs were fractured and serious internal injuries made his condition critical. Three days later he was released from his sufferings and called to his eternal reward.

The beauty of his character, the sincerity of his life, and the simplicity of his message endeared him to many. He had a warm throbbing heart, quick to discern the needs and problems of his missionaries. His patience apparently had no limit. He gave freely of his best to the discouraged and the lonely. Everywhere he brought inspiration, hope and comfort.

He was an eloquent champion of his cause. His largeness of heart, breadth of sympathy, broad humanity and genuine concern for the spiritual care of his people made him an outstanding figure in his chosen calling. He realized the value of having the supervision of an American over both Magyars and Slovaks. He followed the example of the Great Apostle as a missionary traveler. Distance had scant meaning to him if the souls of these people yearned for the Word of God. An urgent call from them was sure to receive favorable response, if possible, and often he crowded the possibilities. He was ready at any time to journey a thousand miles to minister to five or six humble families and conduct a religious service for them. Dr. Ramer told me that he never went on any of these errands of love without administering the Lord's Supper. He was a stirring champion of these newcomers and dedicated his life to them.

Railroad officials recognized his worth in lifting the morale of these people, many of whom were in their employ, and an annual pass was forthcoming upon his personal asking. A record of 30,000 miles a year for a score of years, crossing the continent sixteen times, is not easly duplicated. Such men belong to the company of God's elect. "He that doeth the Will of God, abideth forever."

He was an ardent advocate of the Home Missions Council. Whenever he was within access of the meeting of the Committee on New Americans, he was sure to be present. He presented the cause with wholehearted earnestness and devotion. It was a real event to attend the annual meeting of this Council and he would look forward to it for months with keen anticipation.

FRANKLIN F. FRY.

Report of Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

Year Ended December 31, 1929

	Balances Jan. 1, 1929	Receipts 1929	Disbursements 1929	Balances and Deficits Dec. 31, 1929
Home Missions Council, General Funds	$ 1,009.41	$15,812.90	$16,260.71	$ 561.60
Sherman Chapel Bldg. Fund	150.00	400.00	650.00	**100.00**
Special Funds — Handbook, Comity Conf.	133.59			133.59
*Supplemental Budget—Five Year Program of Survey and Adjustment and North American Home Missions Congress	98.00	10,448.37	9,755.99	790.38
Other Funds—Joint Committee of Community Ch. Workers, Federal Council, Home Missions Council; Account of Institute of Social and Religious Research for special projects		8,210.25	6,644.66	1,565.59
Joint Work with Council of Women:				
Religious Work Directors (Indian)		5,562.50	6,300.00	**737.50**
Bureau of Reference (New Americans)		100.00	108.33	**8.33**
Interdenominational Council (Spanish-spkg.)		1,575.00	1,425.00	150.00
	$ 1,391.00	$42,109.02	$41,144.69	$ 2,355.33

ANALYSIS OF RECEIPTS AND DISBURSEMENTS

General and Special Funds

Receipts

Boards of Home Missions Council	$15,177.50	
Interest on Bank Account	26.91	
Sales of Literature	126.24	
Subscriptions	7.00	
Refunds on Expense Items	475.25	
Sherman Chapel Building Fund	400.00	
*Supplemental Budget	10,448.37	
Joint Committee	100.00	
Institute of Social and Religious Research	8,110.25	
		$34,871.52

Joint Work with Council of Women

Designated funds for Religious Work Directors (Indian)	$ 5,562.50
Designated funds for Bureau of Reference (New Americans)	100.00

* Funds practically all contributed by individuals and not by constituent groups.

**Designated funds for Interdenominational Council (Spanish-spkg.)	1,575.00	
		7,237.50
Total receipts for fiscal year 1929		$42,109.02
Balances as at December 31, 1928		1,391.00
		$43,500.02

General and Special Funds

Disbursements

Salaries and Pension Payments	$11,839.37	
Travel Expense—Executive Secretary	1,040.07	
Rent of Office	926.00	
Annual Meeting Expense	227.40	
Annual Report Expense	603.80	
Telephone and Telegraph Expense	149.31	
Stationery, Postage, Supplies	586.28	
Equipment	35.00	
Publicity and Literature Expense	431.75	
Miscellaneous Expense	421.73	
Sherman Chapel Building Fund	650.00	
Supplemental Budget	9,755.99	
Joint Committee	77.68	
Institute of Social and Religious Research	6,566.98	
		$33,311.36

Joint Work with Council of Women

Council of Women for Religious Work Directors (Indian)	$ 6,300.00	
Bureau of Reference (New Americans)	108.33	
Interdenominational Council (Spanish speaking)	1,425.00	
		7,833.33
Total Disbursements for fiscal year 1929		$41,144.69

Balances as at December 31, 1929:

Home Missions Council, General Funds	$ 561.60	
Special Funds — Handbook, Comity Conf.	133.59	
Supplemental Budget	790.38	
Other Funds—Joint Committee and Institute	1,565.59	
Interdenominational Council (Spanish-spkg.)	150.00	
	$ 3,201.16	

Accounts showing deficits (amounts supplemented from General Funds of Home Missions Council) during operations for fiscal year 1929:

Sherman Chapel Building Fund	$ 100.00	
Religious Work Directors (Indian)	737.50	
Bureau of Reference (New American)	8.33	
	845.83	
		2,355.33
		$43,500.02

A. M. BEHRENS, *Treasurer.*

** Some constituent groups remit directly to Interdenominational Council and such funds do not pass through Home Missions Council treasury.

Reports of Committees

Standing Committees

CHURCH BUILDING

Architectural Division

The importance of the church edifice in the whole Christian enterprise is increasingly recognized by church workers and by the community generally. But the cause of church building is not keeping pace with the progress of other types of building. In numerous communities throughout the entire country the House of God stands in sad contrast to the public school buildings. In far too many cases some of the young folks who receive their secular education in modern school buildings which are well planned and completely equipped, go for their religious instruction to basement rooms where the light is dim enough but not very religious, and whose odors are other than those of sweet smelling incense.

Some good souls ask why we are building so many large churches and spending so much money on great cathedrals? Occasionally some one rises up and charges that the shortage in giving to missionary funds is due to these alleged great building enterprises. The really great church buildings in this country are not very numerous in proportion to the tremendous population and to the wealth of other building in our great cities. All too many churches are overshadowed by great lodge buildings—some of which are called cathedrals and are erected with the funds of churchmen and used for all sorts of social and recreational affairs. Other churches are overshadowed with great moving picture theatres, in the construction of which no expense has been spared.

An investigation has been made as to the effect of several large church building enterprises upon the benevolent giving of these societies and we may say confidently that the shortage in missionary funds must be blamed upon other causes. One church that erected a building costing more than $1,000,000, increased their missionary giving within a very few years from $19,000 to $100,000 per year.

Some people complain that great church buildings without the spirit of God in them will be ineffective in promoting the cause of Christianity. No one claims that great buildings without God will be effective. Yet we remind ourselves that it was in Canterbury Cathedral that Saint Thomas à Becket, defying the King's men, died obeying God rather than man, even though

the man was King. It was in the great cathedral of Notre Dame of Paris that Lacordaire the mighty preached and swayed thousands by his consecrated eloquence.

Perhaps if Protestantism were reinforced with better edifices, there would be greater confidence in our divine task and less complacency in the face of humiliating considerations in which churchmen feel compelled to obey man rather than God.

Departments and bureaus of Church Architecture are endeavoring to aid building committees, pastors and architects to design church structures that will be worthy of their divine purpose and planned adequately for the required program. We regret to note that some denominations do not maintain architectural leadership for their local societies and that one or two denominations have abandoned their departments of church architecture. In this connection your committee would raise three questions:

1. Should any board or committee charged with the responsibility of administering denominational funds, permit the use of such funds by local churches whose buildings have not been properly planned for the reasonable program of worship, religious education and Christian fellowship; that the people, to be served by these churches, may reasonably expect of those who undertake to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ?

2. Should not the denominational leadership help to uphold and teach the distinctively spiritual aspects of the church edifice itself and maintain in the church an architectural leadership to promote this ideal and to aid in planning the church structures to be erected? Is not such leadership as important as leadership in the programs of religious education, evangelism, social service, etc., since all these programs materially depend upon the physical equipment provided?

3. Is it not often true that the best form of aid that should be given a local church is a loan of leadership and direction rather than simply a loan or gift of money?

The architectural division of the committee on church building, through the associated bureaus and departments of Church Architecture, held a two days' conference on church building in St. Louis, December 6th and 7th. An encouraging feature of the conference was the large attendance of architects who came from points as distant as New York City, Southwest Kansas and Tennessee.

At this conference the following action was taken, which we respectfully submit to the Home Missions Council, namely:

It is *Recommended* by the architectural bureaus and departments that a *joint committee on Church Architecture be established by the Home Missions Council and the Federal*

Council of the Churches of Christ and that if and when such a joint committee is established, the architectural group be related to this joint committee. It is recommended also that an appropriation of at least one thousand dollars be made available jointly by the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council of Churches to such joint committee, if and when it is established, to enable it to make at least a beginning in promoting the cause of better church architecture.

It is suggested that one of the activities of the joint committee be to conduct another two days' national conference on Church Architecture similar to the one recently held in St. Louis. The committee suggests that an invitation to hold such a conference in the city of Cleveland be favorably considered.

Another activity to which this committee could give immediate attention would be to form a means of contact between the churches, the bureaus and departments of church architecture, and the *Christian Herald* "Church Building Contest" and the other architectural promotional activities of the *Christian Herald.*

There is also a limitless opportunity for such a committee to do educational and promotional work through the religious and the secular press. There is a very urgent need of architectural service for churches in denominations that maintain no department of architecture. This need is especially urgent in the mission fields, for the negro churches and other special fields.

We wish to very heartily commend the *Christian Herald* for its excellent service in promoting the cause of better church building. The *Christian Herald* has conducted two church building contests, both of which have been eminently successful in achieving the desired objectives. We also commend the *Christian Herald* for publishing two church building numbers each year and for its several articles in the interest of better church buildings and better parsonage building.

Your committee also wishes to express its sincere appreciation of the services of the Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Council and of the office for rendering valuable service in connection with the national conference on Church Architecture and in copying and mailing the proceedings of the same.

A. F. Wickes,
Chairman,

Elbert M. Conover,
Secretary.

Division of Church Erection

During the year 1929 this Division of the Committee on Church Building held a conference, March 12th and 13th, in the Central Reformed Church, Dayton, Ohio, at which the following boards were represented:

The American Baptist Home Mission Society.

The Home Mission and Church Erection Society of the United Brethren in Christ Church.

The Department of Home Missions and Church Extension Board of the Christian Church.

The General Mission Board of the Church of the Brethren.

The Board of Home Missions and Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

The Department of Church Erection of the United Christian Missionary Society, Disciples of Christ.

The Department of Church Building of the Board of Home Missions of the Reformed Church in the U. S.

The main topics for discussion were as follows:

1. "First Steps in Organizing a Mission Congregation. Board's Responsibility in Acquiring Property in Allotted Territory." Leader—Rev. F. W. Mueller, D. D., Philadelphia, Pa.

2. "The Board's Responsibility in the Erection of Suitable Buildings for Its Missions." Leader—Rev. A. W. Sparks, D. D., Dayton, O.

3. "How Has Religious Education Affected Church Architecture?" Leader—Rev. Henry E. Tralle, D. D., New York.

4. "Financing New Building Projects. a. Loans. b. Gifts. c. Payments of Interest." Leader—Rev. P. M. Camp, D. D., Dayton, O.

5. "The Best Methods for Securing Prompt Repayment of Loans." Leader—Rev. John H. Booth, D. D., Indianapolis, Ind.

6. "Methods of Raising Funds." Leader—Rev. M. R. Zigler, Elgin, Ill.

These discussions resulted in the adoption of a number of items presented by a Sub-committee on Findings, viz:

Realizing the greatness of our church building program in America as well as the need for more efficient methods to build adaptable church units and believing that every possible effort should be made to discover the best method of procedure, therefore, we *Recommend*:

1. That this section of the Church Building Committee of the Home Missions Council organize itself to do active and aggressive work.

2. That a name be chosen for this group designating it possibly as "The Division of Church Erection of the Church Building Committee of the Home Missions Council."

3. That a chairman and secretary be provided.

4. That an executive committee, composed of the chairman, secretary, and one other member be appointed to promote the interests represented in this group.

5. In order to make more constructive the work of the Committee, we further recommend that the executive committee shall assign to different members of this committee the responsibility of making a study of the several phases of our united task and that each representative so assigned shall prepare a brochure on this subject to be presented at our next meeting and, after such presentation, with the revision that may be necessary has been made, his denominational board shall be requested to print the same in quantities sufficient for use by all the Boards interested; that such printing shall be so arranged that each separate board may have its name so inscribed so as to use it for its own purposes. Among the subjects to be studied, we suggest the following:

A. How to locate church buildings and the best method to make surveys in cities and country, preliminary to the development of a church organization.

B. Type of building especially adapted for smaller churches and missions.

C. Financing the purchase of lots and the building of individual units.

D. Legal phases of such procedure which must have careful consideration.

E. The kind of denominational aid and grants and the conditions on which such projects ought to receive help.

F. Should we increase our funds for building purposes, and, if so, how and by what methods of administration?

G. That the executive committee invite to our conference, when these reports shall be submitted, all those who should be interested in the work under consideration.

The executive committee, provided for in the report of the Findings Committee: Mr. J. S. Wise, F. W. Mueller, D. D., and H. Franklin Schlegel, D. D., were appointed.

Due to the financial problems that all of us had to face during the last six months, it was found to be almost impossible to select a suitable time for this Executive Committee to meet and allocate these several items to the most competent persons for study and for the preparation of the brochure suggested.

We are, therefore, of the opinion that the matter should be given consideration by the Committee that shall be appointed for the next year.

J. S. Wise,
Chairman.

EDUCATION AND PUBLICITY

Members of the Committee on Education and Publicity, in addition to members of Commission II of the North American Home Missions Congress, have been enlisted in the work of preparing a missionary exhibit including literature and architecture for the meeting in Washington in December of this year. A letter was prepared and sent out from the office of the Home Missions Council to the constituent boards requesting samples of the best literature published during the past year or two. This literature has been classified with the assistance of Mr. H. R. Bowler of New York and a statement has been prepared to form the basis of another request soon to be sent to the Boards for a more complete collection of pamphlets and booklets covering the subject of home missions.

It is *Recommended* by the Committee that the Missionary Exhibit be assembled by units and erected and cared for by the various Boards. Instead of a board attempting to portray all of its varied missionary enterprises, that each Board be asked to assume responsibility for the erection of an exhibit covering one or two phases of its work. A most encouraging response has been made to the request for these special displays, all contingent, of course, upon the opportunities for such an exhibit offered in Washington in connection with the Congress.

It is the desire of the Committee to work in closest harmony with the Missionary Education Movement in the gathering of missionary literature and in other efforts to arrive at accepted methods of broadcasting missionary information. *Recommended,* therefore, *that a member of the staff of the Missionary Education Movement be added to the Committee on Education and Publicity.*

It is again *Recommended,* that, as the financial ability of the Council may determine, *there be conducted a permanent interchange of home mission literature.*

Members of the Committee have assisted in a limited way in the routine publicity work of the Council including the reporting of this meeting. It has concurred in the selection of Mr. Charles Stelzle as the director of publicity for a period of time that will include the holding of the North American Home Missions Congress.

COE HAYNE,
Chairman.

Council at a meeting to be held at Chicago in February; it is hoped that Mr. Ralph Adams and Dr. H. W. McLaughlin may be present to back up the request for special consideration of rural religious education needs as such—in a like manner to that accorded the countryside by Government bureaus and public school authorities.

III. An efficient committee, headed by Dr. H. W. McLaughlin, has been at work along lines of the "Ministry of Healing." An able report upon this subject, made at the meeting of the Committee on Town and Country at Ames, Iowa, during the meeting of the American Country Life Association, together with addresses along this, and other lines, given at the Institute of Civic Affairs held in Virginia last summer, was ordered printed.

A paper covered edition, to be published by The Macmillan Co., entitled *The Country Church and Public Affairs*, was underwritten by the Committee.

IV. Dr. Warren H. Wilson presented to the Committee the following resolution concerning rural church administration. The ideas contained therein were approved by the Committee.

That the Home Missions Council recommend to its constituent boards:

A. That they initiate annually, measures to devote the resources of the denomination to the payment, or to assuring the payment, of the salary of pastors; and

B. That to this end each communion be asked to investigate and determine the minimum salary of a pastor, and having so determined, to administer its resources to the end that each pastor receive at least the minimum.

C. That in each Home Mission Board a department or division be instructed to experiment in the maintenance of the ministry upon a minimum salary, and that this office or department be given at least a limited sum for that purpose.

V. The matter of rural representation at the North American Home Missions Congress to be held in December was discussed. A definite request was voted, and is here presented, *"That the various Home Mission Boards in their appointment of delegates give due regard to rural representation"* in filling out their quota. It was felt that the rural ministry should be largely present so that discussions would not only be *about* home missions and home missionaries, but also *with* them.

VI. Last year the Home Missions Council, with more than unanimous consent, approved the idea of *Rural Life Sunday*. Beginnings were made in its observance. This year more ambitious plans are under way, which Rev. Harrison W. Foreman, of our Committee, will present. The Committee on Town and Country approves and *recommends that the fifty dollars needed* to help *in promoting this observance be allowed by the Home Missions Council.*

For hundreds of years a number of branches of the Christian Church have devoted four days each year, the fifth Sunday after Easter and the three days immediately following, to special services, sermons, litanies and prayers to God for His blessing on farm and field.

In 1929 the Home Missions Council and the Foreign Missions Conference, representing some twenty-six different Christian bodies at work in America and throughout the world, adopted resolutions approving the observance of the fifth Sunday each year as *Rural Life Sunday,* and urging all constituent bodies and their pastors and people to observe the day, or days, in the way most practical for each body or situation.

At its Twelfth Annual Meeting in Ames, Iowa, October 17-20, 1929, the section on "The Church and Rural Life" endorsed the movement for the keeping of *Rural Life Sunday.*

In response to the action taken by the Home Missions Council, the Foreign Missions Conference and the leadership of various church and secular leaders, *Rural Life Sunday* in 1929 was celebrated in hundreds of churches throughout the world. The favorable comments, the endorsement of high officials and, above all, the interest, knowledge and devotion to rural people and rural life engendered by the observance of the day, warrant all in believing that *Rural Life Sunday* will prove of inestimable benefit to the rural life of the whole world.

With this great hope in mind, the Committee on Town and Country urges the Home Missions Council to adopt the following Resolutions:

RESOLVED, That in view of the evident way in which God has blessed the observance of *Rural Life Sunday* by church and secular agencies throughout the world, the Home Missions Council approves the observance of the *Fifth Sunday after Easter* each year as *Rural Life Sunday* and commends its observance by all government, state, secular, farm and church agencies in such ways as may seem practical to them.

RESOLVED, That the Home Missions Council request the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America to foster the observance of *Rural Life Sunday* through every means at its disposal in every way compatible with its policies and powers.

Further, be it RESOLVED, That the Home Missions Council urge all church leaders, officers, pastors and people throughout the world to observe the fifth Sunday after Easter as *Rural Life Sunday*, asking God's blessing upon the farmer and his fields and His loving guidance of all those who may have to do with the rural life of the world.

The observance of the fifth Sunday after Easter as *Rural Life Sunday*, or the Rogation Days as they are called in many branches of the Church, is fraught with incalculable benefit to the rural life of the world. Therefore, the committee appointed to promote *Rural Life Sunday* takes great pleasure in the task assigned it; offers certain suggestions looking toward the observance of the Day and requests the genuine interest and assistance of the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ.

In the furtherance of the adequate observance of Rural Life Sunday, your Committee proposes to

A. 1st: Request the co-operation of such bodies and groups throughout the world as might properly be invited to take part in the project. Among these bodies are:

(a) The Federal Government, the United States Department of Agriculture.

(b) The State Governments, the Agricultural Departments of the State Universities and the Extension Departments of the same.

(c) The Farm Bureaus, both national and state, and the farm organizations of the country, especially those having to do with farm people and life.

(d) Civic and secular organizations, fraternities and clubs —Masonic bodies, Knights of Columbus, Kiwanis, Rotary, etc.

2nd: Request the active co-operation of church and religious leaders and organizations.

(a) The Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Home Missions Council, the Council of Women and women's home missionary societies, the State Home Missions Councils and State Councils of Churches, the International Association of Agricultural Missions, the Foreign Missions Conference and foreign mission boards, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Schools for Town and Country Clergy, the various Denominations, including Roman Catholic and Jewish.

B. Inaugurate and carry on an adequate Publicity Campaign covering:
The Public Press—including Associated Press and United Press—national magazines, e. g., *Saturday Evening Post, Country Gentleman.*
The farm magazines and papers.
National religious papers—*Christian Century, Christian Herald,* etc.
National state and local Denominational papers.

To this end we have asked the Rev. Coe Hayne to direct and handle the Publicity Campaign.

C. Prepare a Pamphlet on Material and Ways of Observing Rural Life Sunday.

Your Committee suggests (1st) that the pamphlet include the following contents:

Introductory Statement:
History—ancient and present.
Ratifications by International Association of Agricultural Missions, Home Missions Council, Foreign Missions Conference, American Country Life Association at Ames.

Endorsements of
President Hoover, Secretary Hyde, Dr. Galpin and others.

Suggested Ways of Observing:
General and from the field.

Sermon Topics, Sermon Texts, and three Sermon Outlines—one for use in country churches, one for use in city churches and one for general use.

Bibliography on Rural Life, covering *Rural Life Sunday* and sermon material, with mention of the Guide to the Literature of Rural Life.

Lists of appropriate Psalms, Hymns and Bible Readings.

A number of Prayers suitable for *Rural Life Sunday*.

Names of Country Life Poems.

Names of Plays and Pageants.

Names of Stereopticon Lectures and Hymn Slides.

One or two Outlines of Services.

2nd: The Committee proposes to print a pamphlet comprehensive and suitable enough for all denominations to use, in form somewhat similar to the Guide to the Literature of Rural Life, and suggests that each denomination order the number it wishes, and requests that the Home Missions Council appropriate not to exceed $50 toward the printing of such copies as may not be ordered by denominational leaders. The cost of the pamphlet should be kept as low as possible.

D. Send information, suggestions, materials, etc., to those who have or may ask for assistance in the promotion of *Rural Life Sunday*. One hundred and twenty persons made such request in 1929; no doubt there will be more in 1930.

H. W. Foreman,
M. A. Dawber,
M. R. Zigler,
Committee on Rural Life Sunday.

VII. One of the increasing tasks of the Committee on Town and Country is the fostering of Summer Schools for Rural Ministers, held mostly at state universities or colleges of agriculture. An ideal curriculum, in form of a three-year cycle, of equal worth with teachers' summer school work often being offered at the same time, in the same class rooms, and by the same professor, is maintained. Schools must approximate this

standard of requirement, with a given number of days, before they can be accredited. This movement is spreading, and the approval and co-operation of the Home Missions Council is sought increasingly. The problem of selection and insistence is becoming more and more exacting. Schools this year will be held at:

1. Bangor Theological Seminary.
2. Boston University.
3. Ohio University.
4. Purdue University.
5. Cornell University.
6. Drew Seminary.
7. Virginia University.
8. Vanderbilt University.
9. Madison University.
10. Washington University.

This year a more ample booklet, to be used by all of the denominations, is contemplated to help advertise and inform regarding these schools. The Committee on Town and Country recommends that the Home Missions Council appropriate $100 for this end.

Several needs should be mentioned here:

(a) It is time that more than a very few of the denominations get behind these schools by the offer of scholarships sufficient to help rural ministers to attend these schools.

(b) The demands for representatives of the Home Missions Council on the faculties of these schools cannot be met. They occur within a small area of time. It is not fair or wholesome that a few denominations through their rural life secretaries, do all this work. Many denominations should provide men and expense accounts so that all denominations shall be represented in this work.

(c) In this day of trade schools, summer courses for teachers and farmers, schools of salesmanship, rural ministers also have need for "adult" education. In most denominations interest in these schools is commensurate with the belief of state superintendents, presiding elders, and a much talked of "overhead," in such enterprise. When all these cease merely to aid, or send ministers to these schools and attend the schools themselves, the ministry will be on the way to an enthusiasm and intelligence in that craft which will be on a par with others.

Our Committee further approved, and ordered placed in the summer school booklet as "accredited," the following interdenominational schools already set up and functioning:

Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla.
Samuel Houston College, Austin, Tex.
Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss.
Miles Memorial College, Birmingham, Ala.
Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga.
Gulfside, Waveland, Miss.
Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark.
Wiley College, Marshall, Tex.
Livingston College, Salisbury, N. C.
Morristown College, Morristown, Tenn.

Other like efforts are contemplated at Tuskegee, and at Fisk University, also perhaps an educational enterprise at Hollister, Mo.

The magnitude of this task can easily be seen. With all of these schools, white and negro, asking for Home Missions Council representatives on their faculties, it is a serious case of "the harvest is plenteous but the laborers few." Will the Council and the denominational boards hear the call from the Lord of the Harvest?

The Committee on Town and Country has added to its membership three Negro members—Rev. W. A. C. Hughes (Methodist Episcopal), Rev. Wallace Battle (Episcopal), and Rev. Henry S. Barnwell (Congregational).

VIII. Before reporting the final high-light of Town and Country Committee considerations and recommendations, I should like to incorporate in this report, unread for lack of time, some carefully prepared pages entitled "Five Years With the Town and Country Committee." These were written by Mr. Ralph S. Adams, able secretary of our Committee. He is efficient to the last degree, and without him our work could never bear such fruits as we trust are evident in this report.

Five Years With the Committee on Town and Country

The important function of this committee is to unite, in so far as possible, the efforts of the constituent boards and societies of the Home Missions Council in the rural church field. A by-product of the committee's activity is the development among its members of a fellowship and sympathy which is doing much to determine the trend of the rural church movement. These members are, for the most part, denominational rural superintendents, board secretaries or others to whom the chief responsibility for rural work has been assigned in their denomination. The committee consists, at present, of 23 regular members and 7 advisory members. From two to four committee meetings have been held each year with attendances varying from 6 to 20, with an average of 12. During these five years 27 sub-committees of the committee have been active in special investigations and in promotional and educational projects. The activities of some of these

sub-committees are continuing while others have been completed and the committees discharged. In addition to the regular committee meetings, from six to twelve sub-committee meetings were held each year. Individual members were frequently designated to represent the committee at some function or to make a special investigation and report of some timely matter. The committee meetings were marked with the reports of these individuals and sub-committees. It has been, and still is, the most active committee of the Home Missions Council.

The work of the committee can be conveniently grouped into five possible lines of effort—namely: (1) Investigation, (2) Education, (3) Standardization, (4) Promotion, (5) Co-operation. This classification may not be highly scientific, but for convenience in grouping the activities of the committee, it will serve an admirable purpose.

INVESTIGATION. From time to time, the attention of the committee is called to matters of current development affecting limited groups of rural people. If the situation warrants it, a sub-committee is appointed to investigate the matter, and in so far as possible to champion the cause of the affected rural group. Five such cases were referred to the committee in the past five years.

a. The welfare of the southern highlanders was assigned to a limited group within the committee. Through co-operative effort they tried to discover the specific needs of these people through visits, consultations, communications, conferences and specialized projects.

b. The report was brought to the committee that the highlander residents of the new national park area of the Shenandoah Valley were to be ejected from their ancestral property, by the United States Government, and that no concern was given to the future welfare of this native stock in a new and strange environment. A special committee is at work attempting to champion the cause of these unfortunates.

c. It was reported that the state of Missouri was undertaking an educational survey of the state. A sub-committee was appointed to persuade the commission entrusted with this task to include in the study typical rural areas in the state and especially the Ozark area.

d. The United States Government made plans to improve the farm lands of the Pima Indian Reservation, in a way that would practically double the necessary expense to the Indian farmers. A sub-committee was appointed to join in the appeal to the government to do the task in a way most advantageous to the Indian farmers.

e. A special committee was appointed to study the problem of the low salary for rural pastors, to study methods of administration now operating successfully, and if possible to devise a method of rural church administration that might be used quite generally to the benefit of the cause.

EDUCATION. a. A great part of the committee's work is educational, and the largest educational responsibility is with the schools for rural pastors. From eight to twelve interdenominational schools for rural pastors, two weeks in duration, are conducted each year at state colleges of agriculture, state universities and theological seminaries. They are scheduled for the most part in the summer months. This committee co-operates with the institutions at which the schools are conducted, in setting up the curriculum, choosing the instructors and promoting the school generally. Usually there are at each of the schools from one to four members of this committee who share in the instruction and conduct special conferences with their respective denominational groups. The rural secretaries on this committee are

made available by their Boards for this co-operative service. Several denominations make available to interested rural pastors scholarships to these schools, covering all travel expense and half the expense of board and room at the school. This committee is constantly urging all Boards to adopt this policy, and those Boards which are already granting scholarships to increase the number. A standard curriculum has been prepared which is designed to meet the practical needs of the rural pastor. The schools are urged to model their curriculum after this standard. If they comply with this condition, the Home Missions Council gives its endorsement to the school and includes it in their program of publicity. This consists of the publication and distribution of an eight-page booklet setting forth the purpose of these schools, the type of work offered and its practical value to the rural pastor, a brief description of the schools and their courses, and a list of the approved schools together with the dates during which they will be held. In addition to this booklet, the Home Missions Council prepares special news releases on the schools and sends them to denominational and interdenominational church papers throughout the country. In these releases the schools and their courses are described more in detail and the names of instructors are given. From ten to fifteen such releases have appeared in one year. This committee has agreed to set up and conduct in 1930 an experimental school for rural pastors in order to perfect their knowledge of and service to these schools. It is also co-operating with one of the schools and a state Home Missions Council in a "Regional Enlistment" project by which all the rural pastors in selected areas (probably by counties) will be invited to attend the rural pastors' school where they will attempt, in special courses under expert guidance, to solve the rural church problems in their own area.

b. This committee persuaded the U. S. Department of Agriculture to prepare, publish and distribute among rural pastors throughout the nation, a bulletin called "The Rural Church and Co-operative Extension Work." This sets forth the services which the Agricultural Co-operative Extension Service and the other divisions of the United States Department of Agriculture can render to the rural community. It contains suggestions and illustrations of how the rural churches and the Extension agencies can and do co-operate in serving the rural areas. The committee is making a similar request of other United States departments.

c. At the request of the International Council of Religious Education, suggestions for articles and writers for a rural issue of the Journal of Religious Education to appear next May.

d. The committee is co-operating with the Leadership Training Department of the International Council of Religious Education in an attempt to make adaptations of certain courses in the standard teacher training curriculum so that they can be used more practically in the rural church and community. This effort resulted from the request of this committee that the Council provide in the standard curriculum at least one unit on the country church.

e. At the request of the Virginia Agricultural Extension Service the committee advised that organization on the matter of creating in rural communities throughout the state, a community religious committee, and on a possible program of activity for such committee.

f. The committee prepared a *Par Standard* for the Town and Country Church which has been recognized generally in rural church circles as a desirable and practical goal. The committee is considering

at this time the revision of this goal to make it still more serviceable to the country church.

g. Several years ago the committee advised with the Missionary Education Movement on the preparation of a text book on the rural church, to be used by missionary societies of many denominations as their course of study. A member of the committee, Prof. Ralph A. Felton, wrote the book, "Our Templed Hills," and other members prepared a bibliography and a leader's handbook for the course. The committee reviewed the manuscript and made practical suggestions for improving its usefulness.

STANDARDIZATION. a. A standard curriculum for rural pastors' schools is one of the contributions of the committee.

b. The *Par Standard* for the Town and Country Church is another.

c. Adaptation of courses to the needs of the rural church, in the standard teacher training curriculum of the International Council of Religious Education is still another contribution.

d. The study of rural pastors' salaries is also intended to provide a standard method for the administration of rural pastors' salaries.

e. The committee proposed to the Home Missions Council a resolution that a National Church Comity Conference be held under the joint auspices of the Home Missions Council, the Council of Women for Home Missions, and the Federal Council of Churches. The resolution was adopted and the conference was held at Cleveland, Ohio, in January, 1928. The committee assisted in preparing and conducting the program. At this conference the Five Year Program of Survey and Adjustment, upon which the Home Missions Council is engaged at present, was adopted. The committee is sharing abundantly in the execution of this program.

f. *Rural Life Sunday*—an expansion of the idea of Rogation Sunday—was originated and promoted by this committee last Spring. It was widely observed at that time and promises to become an important annual church day. The committee prepared appropriate services and lists of suggestions for the proper observance of the day. This literature was distributed by the Home Missions Council.

PROMOTION. Promotional activities of the committee, already referred to in this paper are:

a. The interdenominational schools for rural pastors.

b. *Rural Life Sunday.*

c. Distribution of the United States Department Agriculture bulletin, "The Rural Church and Co-operative Extension Work."

d. The standard courses of the teacher training curriculum of the International Council of Religious Education.

Other promotional activities are:

e. The promotion of a plan whereby scholarships would be provided for prospective students for the ministry of healing in rural areas.

f. An attempt, with the aid of the Foreign Missions Conference, to schedule for conferences and addresses, the American delegates to the Jerusalem Conference on Missions.

g. The promotion of a possible fellowship of rural pastors and church leaders, to be known as the John Frederick Oberlin Fellowship.

CO-OPERATION. Practically all of the items listed under the foregoing headings were co-operative enterprises and need not be listed again. A few co-operative enterprises which have not been previously listed, are as follows:

a. The Town and Country Committee was well represented at the sessions of the National Country Life Conference held at Ames, Iowa, in October, 1929. Several of its members assisted in preparing the program and took part in it.

b. The committee from time to time advised with the Institute of Social and Religious Research on their proposed rural church and rural life studies.

c. Members of this committee constitute in large measure the rural advisory committee of the Federal Council of Churches.

In many ways the committee as an interdenominational agency, acting for the Home Missions Council, assists country life departments and denominational boards in activities of an interdenominational nature but originating from denominational sources.

These are the major activities of this committee. It is hoped that it can be of even larger service in the future.

IX. For the past few years the increased co-operation of this Council and the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America has gratified all who really mean co-operation when they use the word. For some time the Committee on Town and Country has been considering plans for re-organization which would bring both its personnel and work into increasing harmony with those of the Federal Council. A sub-committee has been at work and made its report at the full meeting of the Committee on Town and Country held on January 6th. Almost the entire three hour session was spent in consideration of the plan which I now have the honor to report to this Council.

The plan was approved in principle and adopted in form presented. The sub-committee on re-organization was continued and instructed to promote the plan to its completion, subject to the approval of the Home Missions Council.

Proposed Country Life Commission of the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

The Town and Country Committee of the Home Missions Council recognizes three valuable lines of service open to it, but which, as at present organized, it is unable to prosecute. The first is the promotion of missionary extension into now unchurched rural areas and for the service of now unevangelized groups. The extension of missionary work in rural territory has practically ceased. Yet one rural community out of every seven has no church.

The second is the administration on an interdenominational basis of certain forms of missionary service which can best be done jointly.

The third is the co-ordination of the service and the educational activities of the rural departments of the various denominations and the extension of such services to denominations which are not in a position to provide them independently.

In order to provide an agency which can undertake these various services, we recommend the creation of a joint commission as follows:

The Country Life Commission of the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America

A. Organization:

1. The Commission shall consist of one representative from each of the constituent denominations of these two bodies, nominated by the Home Mission Boards or Societies of each denomination, or by other authorized agent of the denomination, and appointed by the two Councils. Additional members from related agencies may be added to the Commission by each Council, such additions not to exceed fifty per cent of the members from constituent bodies.

2. The officers of the Commission shall consist of a chairman, a vice-chairman and a secretary. Their term of office shall be for one year.

3. The executive committee of the Commission shall consist of the officers and four other members elected by the Commission.

4. As soon as possible the Commission shall employ the full-time services of a rural secretary.

5. The amount and distribution of the Commission's budget and the relative responsibility of the two Councils for raising the necessary amount, shall be determined by the Commission, subject to the approval of the two Councils.

6. The Commission shall determine the method of administering its budget, subject to the approval of the two Councils.

B. Duties:

1. Leadership Training:

(a) Promote interdenominational schools for rural pastors. Strive to co-ordinate curricula and credits, co-operate in securing instructors, give publicity to the schools, encourage denominational Boards to provide for a goodly number of scholarships by which to send selected rural pastors to these schools, and provide the schools—where requested and whenever possible—with direct representation of the Home Missions Council, either as an instructor or as a leader of group discussions.

(b) Stimulate theological seminaries to provide adequate rural courses in the curriculum.

(c) Study the whole problem of recruiting and training rural church leaders, both lay and pastoral.

(d) Promote the support, through suitable funds or scholarships, of students committed to the ministry of healing in country areas.

2. Leadership Recognition:

(a) Organize and promote a fellowship for leaders in rural life.

(b) Devise and supervise a system of credits and awards for rural pastors and leaders in recognition of special services and training.

(c) Study the problem of rural pastors' salaries, their cost of living, an adequate salary, and an efficient and practical system of administration of pastors' salaries.

3. Interdenominational Projects. Promote, supervise and administer interdenominational projects and experiments in rural areas; such as:

(a) Work in the Southern Mountains.

(b) Religious effort in the Ozark region.

(c) Work among the Migrants.

(d) Interdenominational Larger Parishes.

(e) Church federation and consolidation.

(f) Rural Directors of Religious Education.

(g) Administration for denominational boards and agencies of such denominational or interdenominational projects as may be assigned by them to the Commission, such as experiments, demonstrations, and service to specialized groups or areas.

4. Promotion and Publicity. A consistent program of promotion of, and publicity for, rural church problems and methods—through such agencies as:

(a) Home Missions Council Bulletin.

(b) Denominational Church Papers.

(c) Denominational Rural Department Papers.

(d) Farm Papers.

(e) Newspaper Releases.

(f) Special Bulletins by the Commission.

(g) Radio.

(h) Represent the Home Missions Council, when possible, before denominational judicatories, in the interests of joint rural projects and their support.

5. General:

(a) Publish, or cause to be published, occasional important and timely bulletins and pamphlets on rural church matters.

(b) Supply rural pastors with information of interest and importance.

(c) Promote Rural Life Sunday and encourage its general observance.

(d) Be the instrumentality through which the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council will conduct the rural features of their programs.

C. Relationships:

1. Relationship with the Home Missions Council and the Federal Council of Churches as indicated under "Organization."

2. Promote the interests of the rural church in other interdenominational and non-denominational agencies, such as the International Council of Religious Education, the Religious Education Association, the American Country Life Association, the American Sociological Society, the International Association of Agricultural Missions, the Missionary Education Movement, etc.

3. Stimulate closer co-operation between the church forces and other social agencies serving rural life.

MALCOLM DANA,
Chairman.

JOINT ADMINISTRATIVE

The majority of the members of the Joint Administrative Committee of the Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions are executives of home mission boards and societies, whose days are crowded with a multitude of tasks. Therefore meetings of this committee have been called only when matters of importance were to be discussed and decided upon.

At the March meeting there was created a new joint committee, the Committee on City and New Americans. This was made up of members of the former Home Missions Council Committee on City Work, the joint Committee on New Americans of the two Councils, and the joint Committee of the Federal Council and the two Councils on City Year. This new joint committee was given power to set up sub-committees in distinctive fields.

It was also agreed that any joint committee of the Home Missions Council and Council of Women for Home Missions may invite individuals from groups definitely interested in particular phases of work under consideration who will be considered advisory members of the committee.

In January, 1925, a special committee was set up to consider co-operation between the Home Missions Council, Council of Women for Home Missions and the Federal Council of the Churches. That committee brought about the present happy working relationship between these national councils, and it was officially discharged with thanks for the successful service it rendered.

Each year the two Councils are privileged to hear a report on conditions in West Indies from a representative of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America. It has been felt that a closer co-operation should obtain between the Councils and the Committee on Co-operation. A committee was appointed to consider this matter but due to frequent absences from the city it was not possible to bring together the members of this small committee.

A larger degree of success was secured by the committee appointed to consider the correlation of annual meeting arrangements of the Home Missions Council, Council of Women for Home Missions, Federation of Woman's Boards of Foreign Missions, Foreign Missions Conference and the Federal Council of the Churches. The first four organizations named planned their annual meetings so that delegates interested in both home and foreign missions could conveniently attend the sessions of both groups.

The budget for Indian work was considered at length at one of the meetings of this committee. The Council of Women for Home Missions has furnished the support of the general director of this work who has given fresh impetus to this interdenominational work among Indian boys and girls. The needs are far greater than the meager budget provided.

By common consent it was agreed that there would be no objection to soliciting interested individuals for gifts for Indian work and to urge increased contributions from boards, but that organizations within boards should not be approached. Also, that constituent boards be urged to include in their representation at the Congress in 1930, Indians, and men and women actively at work among Indians.

Several years ago in the interest of greater efficiency as well as economy of time some of the committees interested in one particular phase of home mission work were discontinued and among them was the joint Committee on Negro Work. At one of the joint committee meetings the point was made that home missions board representatives had no channel for consideration of home mission work among Negroes. Our committee agreed that members of all races, including the Negroes, should be included in the membership of joint standing committees rather than to set up separate committees for any one group.

CARROLL M. DAVIS,
Chairman.

CITY AND NEW AMERICANS

This is the first annual report of the new Joint Committee on City and New Americans, which was authorized by the Joint Administrative Committee and which represents a combination of the former Home Missions Council Committee on City Work, the former Joint Committee on New Americans and the Joint Committee on City Year of the Home Missions Council, Council of Women and Federal Council.

The scope of activities in this particular home mission field is a wide one and therefore six sub-committees were set up to function in specialized fields, as follows:

1. New Americans in City and Rural Fields.
2. City Year.
3. City Planning and Administration.
4. Foreign Language Editorial With Co-operating Foreign Language Committees.

5. Latin Americans Within the States.
6. Orientals.

The membership of these committees was appointed so late in the year that there has not been sufficient opportunity for them to operate in these particular fields.

Preparation for the coming North American Home Missions Congress in Washington in December, 1930, is in the thoughts of our committee members and several of the activities now under way within this Committee are expected to contribute toward the reports to be presented to the Congress, particularly the Detroit City Conference referred to later.

It was suggested that a special effort be made to secure the active participation of leading representatives of foreign language groups in the Congress and it was agreed that an afternoon group conference might profitably be devoted to representatives of interracial groups.

Interdenominational City Conference

Denominational groups have found that a conference of their city workers from time to time is very helpful to their own work. It has been evident that interdenominational conferences on city work are needed in order to bring together denominational and interdenominational workers in cities. It was decided that such a conference should be held early in 1930 in order that its findings might be used for the North American Home Missions Congress, and that it should concern itself with three general topics, namely:

(a) The work of the city church itself.
(b) The work of the city denominational society.
(c) The work of the city federation or council of churches.

Arrangements are now being made to hold this city conference in Detroit, Michigan, February 17-19, 1930, in co-operation with the Detroit Council of Churches. The participation of executive secretaries of the constituent boards, secretaries and workers in city departments of boards, secretaries of city societies, secretaries of church federations and councils of cities and other interdenominational city workers, also ministers and workers in city churches, is earnestly desired. This date was chosen in order that representatives of the Methodist Episcopal Church might conveniently attend this interdenominational conference following their Council of Cities to be held in Cleveland, and also that other denominations might have the opportunity to call together their separate groups in Detroit

immediately at the close of the interdenominational conference. This presents an outstanding opportunity for the Protestant denominations to re-appraise the work that is being done in cities and it is hoped all our constituent groups will avail themselves of it. Dr. Gleiss, president of the Detroit Council of Churches, and the Rev. Ralph McAfee, executive secretary, have expressed themselves as being in hearty accord with the plan of this conference.

Proposed Study by Institute of Social and Religious Research

The impartial and careful studies made by the Institute on various subjects pertaining to the home mission field have been of great value to our home board secretaries. The Institute will soon consider the possibility of making a study of the group called "New Americans." This is one of the most perplexing problems of the day and members of this Committee were practically unanimous in urging the Institute to make this study. The Chairman, in accordance with the request of the committee, sent a communication on this subject to the Institute of Social and Religious Research, as follows:

The joint Committee on City and New Americans at a meeting held November 26th gave considerable thought to the proposed survey of foreign groups by the Institute of Social and Religious Research. After full discussion it was unanimously voted to request the Institute to make such a study at its earliest opportunity. It is the feeling of the members of this committee that this is a very opportune time to take stock of progress and to get our bearings for the future in view of notably changed conditions.

In taking stock of progress in foreign language work account needs to be taken not only of tangible results, such as churches organized and membership, but as well, too, intangible results. We have attempted to communicate a viewpoint, an attitude towards life, certain ethical content, growing out of the distinctive religious approach, the cultivation of a sense of personal and of social responsibility.

André Siegfried in his book, "America Comes of Age," makes clear that this is one of the Protestant contributions to American life. It has certainly been the aim of the more intelligent workers in the field of the foreign speaking churches to convey this spirit and to cultivate this attitude. It is recognized that such results cannot be easily appraised.

In referring to the future outlook as a result of changed conditions, we have in mind not only the change in the flow of immigration but the changed compositions as, for example, in the relative increase of immigrants from Protestant countries and particularly in the sharp increase of Latin-American immigration.

What in the light of past experience should be the policy of the churches in dealing with these Latin-Americans?

What is the effect of the changed viewpoint upon denominational loyalties?

What is to be the effect of general weakening of religious sanctions?

What is the effect of the new nationalism, as for example, in the case of Italians?

Our Committee is strongly of the opinion that it is well worth while for the Institute to take up this special study and we hold ourselves in readiness to co-operate with you in every way.

Foreign Language Churches

One of our constituent groups, because of financial limitations, has found it necessary to relinquish some of its foreign language churches. This brought up the question as to whether such churches can be absorbed into nearby English speaking churches, or if any principles or method can be evolved with reference to foreign language church situations. A sub-committee has been at work on this matter.

Foreign Language Literature

There is no progress to report concerning religious literature for foreign language groups. The lack of funds and personnel seriously handicaps this project. Authority was given to our sub-committee on Foreign Language Editorial Work to bring about such combinations of foreign language papers as may be approved by the boards concerned.

A definite appeal for sympathetic consideration by the constituent boards of the Councils was presented to the Committee by several individuals representing foreign language interests, one of which brought to our attention the proposed reorganization of the Greek Evangelical Association of America which desires to promote Christian work among Greek speaking people by means of preaching stations, preachers and Christian workers.

CHARLES H. SEARS,
Chairman.

INDIAN WORK

One of the outstanding events in Indian affairs of 1929 was the thirty-fifth meeting of the Lake Mohonk Conference, which took place in October after a lapse of thirteen years and which brought together again many veteran friends of the Indians. Representatives of the government, of mission boards, of organizations interested in Indian welfare, missionaries and scientists, discussed for three days the present unsatisfactory situation existing among the American Indians, causes for this and possible cures. Recent changes in the In-

dian Bureau and Mr. Wilbur's new policy of Indian administration were presented. The need for greater co-operation among all those interested in and working among the Indians was stressed constantly. Dr. John R. Mott made a stirring appeal for greater unification of all Christian work and for stronger co-operation between Christian and other forces. Helping the Indian to help himself through carefully directed education, vocational training and character building, the need for trained specialists along various lines of Indian work, for employment help and for increased appropriations to make possible much of the foregoing were other outstanding points discussed. In addition to the regular sessions of the conference there were many informal meetings and individual conversations which gave those present the opportunity to compare views and experiences and to talk over specific problems.

In submitting the annual report for 1929 the Joint Committee on Indian Work finds itself somewhat in the position of a parent who suddenly discovers that his child has grown up and no longer can wear the clothing provided for it. With some ten years of slow steady growth behind us and one of intensive work our program of religious education for Indian school boys and girls now begins to be a vital and telling force in the life of the schools in which we are working. It therefore requires not only more careful counsel and consideration but also demands increased financial responsibility. Our committee is not discouraged by the latter, for it realizes that this is the natural consequence of healthy growth. It means, nevertheless, that the Joint Committee on Indian Work must face the searching question in 1930 of securing additional funds. The tentative 1930 budget is appended to this report.

All organizations working among the American Indians have realized that epoch-making events have taken place this last year in the history of this race. The appointment of Mr. Charles J. Rhoads and Mr. J. Henry Scattergood to the offices of Commissioner and Assistant Commissioner of Indian Affairs has been a matter of gratification to all. Under their Christian leadership the whole question of Indian Administration is being restudied and rethought. The Joint Committee is trying to co-operate with this forward-looking policy in every way possible. Many groups including the Indian Bureau have expressed the need of greater correlation of all work done among the Indians, missionary work being no exception. It was felt by some that the Joint Committee of recent years had somewhat neglected this part of its work and that a careful study of its functions should be made. A sub-committee was appointed to go into this matter and has begun work. Informa-

tion as to possible and desirable correlating functions is being gathered and discussed. It will necessarily be some time before this study can be completed and a report submitted. Another important question before us is that of the young Indians who are now facing a great change in their whole economic and social life. They are going into towns and cities in great numbers in search of work and of greater social possibilities than they find on the reservations. They often receive very low wages, live in the most squalid parts of the cities and are generally too reticent to make themselves known to the white churches. Very few facts in regard to these conditions are known. They must be gathered if our churches are to meet this new need intelligently. Our committee gave the matter very careful thought and asked the Institute for Social and Religious Research to make the study—in this way bringing up to date their previous survey published in the *Red Man in the United States*. Unfortunately it was not possible for the Institute to grant this request, therefore other means of making the study are being sought.

So much information and misinformation has been printed in newspapers and magazines about the Indians that our office has been flooded with requests for correct facts about the present status of the race. It has been a source of great gratification to us to have been able in some small way to give verified information.

At present our six directors of religious education are serving some 3,000 Protestant boys and girls; a list of directors, schools, enrollment and highest grade taught is appended to this report. Three of these have their Master's Degrees in religious education. Their programs are being carefully studied and are more and more successfully ministering to the specific needs of these young people. At Haskell Institute a most encouraging experiment has been tried in co-operation with the school. Week-day courses in religious education have been incorporated into the regular school program. This fall the school has given credit for these which means the students have far greater respect for them. Although enrollment is voluntary, almost every Protestant child is in one of the twenty-one classes. Mr. Van Sickle our director is teaching six of these himself. Miss Stevenson of the Y. W. C. A. has two and the rest are carried by trained people from the university of the town. Dean Bragdon of the University of Kansas helped plan the course. The matter of text books has been a difficult problem. About $500 was needed for these. The way opened up for our director to secure a limited number from Baptist friends in Kansas but at present there is only one book for

every three pupils which is most unsatisfactory. In addition to these courses there are seven training classes in which 128 students soon to go into the world in positions of leadership are enrolled. This year, at the request of the school, Mr. Van Sickle has also planned for a series of vocational talks which are given each week for all boys. During the year ninety-two boys and girls from this school have been prepared for and taken into the fellowship of the church.

Two new directors of religious education have begun their work this fall. Miss Bessie Kniffen, the former director at the Theodore Roosevelt school, was married, and Miss A. Graham Rowland is taking her place. Miss Rowland writes most enthusiastically of her first months of work. She is entering whole-heartedly into all activities of the school, teaching classes in emergency cases, coaching basket-ball, helping with the general recreation, etc. She is in this way becoming a real friend to these shy and backward children. Last year it seemed impossible to organize Sunday School classes because there were no teachers available. This year conditions have changed somewhat and Miss Rowland has been able to begin five classes. Rev. Floyd O. Burnett arrived at Riverside, California, in November to take the place of Mr. C. W. Cell. Already a fine report has come from him saying that the school authorities at Sherman Institute are willing to follow the same plan for day courses in religious education that has been tried at Haskell. If text books can be supplied these courses will begin in January.

Mr. J. C. Ross, director of religious education at the Albuquerque and Santa Fe Schools, conducted for the first time last summer Daily Vacation Bible Schools, which were greatly appreciated by the children and were very well attended. He writes, "In 1929 Mrs. Ross and I came in contact with some 1,500 boys and girls representing over thirty tribes. I think the outstanding gain during the year has been the greatly marked freedom the pupils show toward us on all occasions. Some one has said, 'If you win the confidence of the Indian young people in three years, you may feel satisfied, for they are slow to give their confidence.' We believe we have done this. They come to us with various requests and with problems as broad as life itself." There are thirty-two fine Bible classes for the Albuquerque boys and girls and two teachers' training classes. Fifty-three of these young people have united with the church during the last year. One of the great problems in Albuquerque is in connection with the Indian young people in the city. Many have secured employment there.

Others from all over the southwest flock in upon certain occasions. There is no place where these young people may meet or where emergency cases may be housed. Many working in Albuquerque are getting bad reputations because there is no opportunity for healthy social contacts. Our director and his local committee have presented a plan for a Christian social center to meet these needs. This center is to be partly financed by the people of Albuquerque, but an appropriation of $1,400 is needed from our Joint Committee. Another sign that the child is growing and therefore more expensive.

Mr. Isaac Greyearth, the director at Pipestone and Flandreau, and Rev. J. M. Hinds, director at the Genoa School, both write of fine progress in their work. The Flandreau school is being enlarged and higher grades added. A new organization for the younger boys has been started which gives them opportunity to discuss difficult daily problems. Mr. Greyearth is giving half time to the rural work of the Y. M. C. A. and half time to the two schools. Mr. Hinds is putting forth great effort on leadership training at Genoa. Much opportunity for expression is given the students. Problems which the boys have raised are now being discussed by them. Each year they are having the opportunity to attend Y. M. C. A. conferences and of taking active part in the programs.

Many of the denominational Boards have assumed definite responsibility for work among the Indians, but the collective responsibility as assumed by this Committee ought to have a strong claim on such Boards because the government schools include in their student body many representatives from all denominational missions, and in supporting this work the Boards are simply following their own young people with religious influences. The work of this committee is an imperative claim on all those Boards that have no work among the Indians because it offers the most effective channel through which they can share in meeting this great responsibility which Christian America owes to these needy people. The Indians are the most unfortunate racial group in this country and when we help them to make the most of their opportunities we are serving Him who said: "Inasmuch as you have done it unto the least of these, you have done it unto me."

Directors of Religious Education	Schools	Enrollment	Highest Grade Taught
Rev. Floyd O. Burnett	Sherman Institute, Riverside, Calif.	1,284	12th
(Miss Veva Wight, assistant—supported locally)			
Mr. Isaac Greyearth	Flandreau School, Flandreau, S. Dak.	476	10th
	Pipestone School, Pipestone, Minn.	337	9th
Rev. J. M. Hinds	Genoa School, Genoa, Nebr.	560	10th
Mr. J. C. Ross	Santa Fe School, Santa Fe, N. M.	561	9th
	Albuquerque School, Albuquerque, N. M.	923	12th
Miss A. Graham Rowland	Theodore Roosevelt School Fort Apache, Ariz.	461	8th
Rev. A. A. Van Sickle	Haskell Institue, Lawrence, Kans.	1,058	12th

Tentative Budget for 1930

Receipts

Council of Women Boards	$3,125.00	
General for overhead	1,222.00	
Day of Prayer	3,500.00	
	$ 7,847.00	
Home Missions Council	6,725.00	
Needed	1,755.04	
		$ 16,327.04

Expenditures

National director—salary and travel	$ 3,900.00	
Local directors' salary and travel	10,105.00	
Rent and telephone	452.04	
Stenographic, Book-keeping help	1,408.28	
Stationery	61.72	
Postage	80.00	
Printing and mimeographing	290.00	
Books, magazines	30.00	
		16,327.04

Other Immediate Needs

Text books—Riverside and Haskell	$ 600.00	
Albuquerque social service center	1,400.00	
Travel of directors to Home Missions Congress	1,000.00	
Full time of director at Flandreau, Pipestone	1,570.00	
Books and magazines for directors	50.00	
A new leaflet—Indian Work	200.00	
Additional stenographic help	400.00	
		5,220.00

FRANK A. SMITH,
Chairman.

Special Committees

COMITY AND CO-OPERATION AND ON THE FIVE YEAR PROGRAM OF SURVEY AND ADJUSTMENT

In presenting its annual report the Joint Committee can say, as it did a year ago, that it makes its report as in a very definite sense a report of progress. In the nature of the case few undertakings in this field are ever completely finished. We are dealing with a process. Admitting that the process is a slow one, we feel that there is reason for gratifications in the developments of the year.

There are many evidences of a rising tide of interest in co-operation throughout the church. The reason is in part that the ideal of Christian unity is increasingly possessing our spirit. In part it is our perception of the futility of much of our present organization and method which attempts to maintain a pioneer system of church extension and support under modern conditions. We seem to be in a stage of transition and uncertainty. Most church leaders freely confess the need for adjustment and profess adherence to the principles of comity and co-operation. Few within the fellowship of these Councils are so bold today as openly to advocate the old policy of competition and denominational aloofness. Every interdenominational meeting chants in unison its condemnation of the competitive system and its praise of co-operation. Yet in the face of thousands of instances of admitted competition we make slow progress in actual adjustments. To date our Five Year Program of Survey and Adjustment is almost exclusively a program of survey and agitation.

Even so we feel decidedly encouraged. We seem caught in a circle hard to break through. The practical difficulties baffle us. But spiritual reforms have to be prepared for a long time in advance. The groups which in the past have competed need to become acquainted with each other to learn to respect and trust each others motives; need also to create the machinery for adjustment and try out experimentally the method. That is our present process. We are piling up evidences of need, strengthening the organizations, cultivating the spirit of co-operation. Some day not too far distant we will have impetus enough to break through the circle and see real progress made.

The Joint Committee has had three well attended meetings during the year, in March, September and January. We lost one of our most valued and loved members in the death of Mrs. Eva Clark Waid and wish to put on record our high appreciation of her service and our deep sense of loss in her passing.

The two chief concerns of the Committee have been the development of the Five Year Program and co-operation with the Commissions of the North American Home Missions Congress, particularly the Commission on Co-operation, the membership of which includes all of this Joint Committee. In a sense this Committee is expected to act as a fact-finding agency for the entire Congress.

The Five Year Program involves five principal objectives. The first is to carry through for the whole country an *Every Community Survey* dealing principally with the question of the adequacy of the present distribution of churches and ministers for the service of the entire population. The second is to see that each state or other area is provided with a *functioning interdenominational organization.* This objective has been largely the concern of the Executive Secretary of the Home Missions Council in co-operation with the Federal Council of Churches. The third is the organization and the carrying through of a *comprehensive follow-up program of adjustment* and extension. The fourth is to secure the *general acceptance of common principles of comity procedure.* There have been no new developments in this field during the year. The fifth is the *holding of the North American Home Missions Congress,* concerning which there is no need for this Committee to report in view of the full sessions of the various Commissions which have just been held.

Every Community Surveys

The Committee reported a year ago the beginning of the State-wide survey program in 13 States. Actually during the year we have specialized on 4 states in addition to New Hampshire where the survey was completed before the meeting a year ago.

Oklahoma:

In this state a Survey Committee was appointed under the joint auspices of the Oklahoma Home Missions Council and the Oklahoma Council of the Christian Religion. To date the survey work has been completed, or practically so, in 17 counties scattered throughout the state. Work is in process in 12 or 15 counties more. A preliminary report was presented at the annual meeting of these two State bodies in November. One of the significant actions taken at that time was the merging of the two organizations in a newly created State Council of Churches. Careful consideration was given to the findings of the survey. Two further meetings are scheduled for February, one of the Survey Committee which will consider the

results in detail and the other of a representative group of ministers and laymen. Oklahoma in general reveals many overchurched communities, many communities which are underchurched and other communities which have churches but are inadequately served. A difficult factor in the situation in this state is the strength of those Protestant bodies which are not represented in these Councils and with which it is not possible usually to work out programs of co-operation.

Maine:

The survey in Maine has been under the direction of a Survey Committee appointed by the State Interdenominational Commission. A sum of money was raised locally chiefly through the efforts of Mrs. Hilda Ives which has made possible a more thorough effort than could otherwise have been managed. The work is now practically complete for the entire State.

New York:

The survey in New York was the result of a request made by the Presbyterian Synod that the State Council of Churches and the Home Missions Council unite in a state-wide survey of town and country conditions. The work was begun in the eastern end of the state under the leadership of Dr. Vermilya. Thirteen counties have now been completed. A preliminary report was made at a meeting held in Albany on January 2nd. Further reports are to be made at the State Pastors' Convention on January 28th, at a second regional conference to be held in Albany in May and at the state meetings of the various denominational bodies.

Pennsylvania:

In Pennsylvania the survey work has been actively promoted by the Comity Committee of the State Federation of Churches and is practically complete in 20 counties to date. This material is now being analyzed and a report on it will be presented at the State Pastors' Convention on January 27th.

Other States:

In addition to the above four states some progress has been made elsewhere. For example, in Connecticut one county has been studied and plans are being considered for a survey of the entire State. In Colorado a considerable volume of work has been done, but local conditions have made it seem advisable to defer further activity for the present. In Alabama six typical counties have been selected for survey under the direction of the State Home Missions Council. In Tennessee at a

recent conference plans were made for a study of the mountain section of the state and of other typical counties. Beginnings have been made in other states as well, but it has been our experience that limitations in personnel make it advisable to concentrate our efforts on a smaller number of states than was originally intended.

Special Survey Projects

At the request of the Joint Committee the Councils a year ago sought the co-operation of the Institute of Social and Religious Research in the Five Year Program. The Institute has made available a sum of money for a series of special studies of particular situations. The chief projects undertaken to date under this grant are the following:

1. *Ardmore, Oklahoma.* This survey was carried through as a sample study of a small city. The field work was completed in the early summer and a report made to a well attended local meeting in July. The final report is now being prepared. The field work was done by the Rev. Wilbur C. Hallenbeck.

2. A graduate student of the Oklahoma Agricultural College, Mr. Ira Rex LaCamp, spent several months in the study of small churches particularly of those of the more eccentric varieties in selected rural sections of Oklahoma. This study developed material of unusual interest. The final report is now in process of preparation.

3. Two counties in Colorado were studied by Mr. Hallenbeck; Huerfano County where there is a considerable foreign population and a large industrial development, and Weld County, a prosperous agricultural county in the northern part of the state.

4. Mr. Hallenbeck is now engaged upon a study of the negro population in Cleveland, Ohio. This population has greatly increased within the last fifteen years. A conference was held in early November of both colored and white leaders in Cleveland to plan the scope and method of the study.

5. The potato growing sections of Aroostook County, Maine, were studied in the early Fall by the Rev. Waldo E. Stephens. The purpose of this study was to trace out the effect on the religious and social life of the unusual economic situation there.

6. With the co-operation of the Council for Spanish-Speaking Work in the Southwest and under the direction of Dr. Robert N. McLean, a study is being made of the distribution of Mexican population outside of the southwest and of the religious work being carried on for them.

7. The most extensive special survey project now under way is the study of the Ozark Mountain Area of Missouri, Arkansas, and Oklahoma including in all about 90 mountain counties. This study was launched at a meeting held in Springfield, Missouri, in October at which time an Ozark Area Committee of the Home Missions Council was organized. This work is under the direction of Rev. Charles T. Greenway. A representative conference was scheduled for Hollister, Missouri, in the first days of July to consider the results of the survey.

Southern Mountain Survey

A proposal has been formulated for a comprehensive survey of the entire southern mountain region in which the Home Missions Council is co-operating. The participating agencies include Government Departments, State Universities, Agricultural Colleges and certain Foundations. The plan calls for a thorough analysis of basic economic, health and educational conditions and of the various social and religious agencies operating in the southern mountain area. A considerable group of agencies have already tentatively promised co-operation and financial support.

Agencies Co-operating in Five Year Program

The agencies which are co-operating in the direction of the Five Year Program and which are represented on the Joint Committee are the Home Missions Council, the Council of Women for Home Missions, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America and the Community Church Workers. The membership of the Joint Committee also includes the officers of Commission III, the Commission on Comity and Co-operation.

The Institute of Social and Religious Research is co-operating in the Five Year Program in other ways than by the grant of money referred to above. The Institute has given valuable help in the furnishing of statistical materials and also in making possible the co-operation of various members of its staff.

The Committee has also had valuable help from various mission Boards in permitting various of their field representatives to co-operate in field surveys.

Follow-up of Surveys

The follow-up of the surveys is still largely a matter for future experiment. In New Hampshire, the one state which has been completely surveyed, nothing has been accomplished as yet. Unfortunately the two persons most actively interested in utilizing the survey, the President and Secretary respectively of the State Council of Churches, have both removed from the state the beginning of the year. In all the states where work

is in progress the attitude is favorable for an energetic follow-up program, but a good deal of hard work must be done if we are to secure concrete results.

In this connection it should be emphasized that the primary question is not simply one of adjusting overchurched or competitive situations. While overchurching necessarily receives a good deal of attention, the major problem is one of providing an adequate ministry for all areas and for the entire population. This involves in many cases the extension of work; in others the effecting of co-operative arrangements among existing churches, the inauguration of joint programs, etc. The emphasis in the follow-up program is therefore positive and constructive and not the merely negative emphasis of eliminating competition.

Co-operation with Community Church Workers

The Joint Committee presented a recommendation at last year's meeting looking to a basis of co-operation between the Community Church Workers, the Federal Council of Churches and the Home Missions Council. We are glad to report that this has been satisfactorily worked out, that a Joint Committee has been organized and is now at work.

Rev. J. R. Hargreaves, Secretary of the Community Church Workers, has co-operated in the Five Year Program. During the year Mr. Hargreaves has made studies of local situations particularly in four states. In Minnesota he surveyed eight communities; his recommendations with regard to them being adopted by the State Council of Churches. In Kansas he studied 10 communities. In northern Wisconsin he studied the stretch of territory between Rhinelander and Ashland. This study has resulted in a plan for interdenominational work for Finns and Czechs for which financial support is now being secured. Forty communities in western New York were studied and the findings are to be considered at a conference scheduled for this week in Buffalo under the joint auspices of the Buffalo Council of Churches, the New York State Council of Churches and the Community Church Workers.

General Progress

The Committee would call attention to three publications of the year which are of particular value in its field. The first of these is *Church Comity* by Dr. H. Paul Douglass, which is a study of co-operative church extension in American cities. The second is *Minneapolis Churches and their Comity Problem* by Rev. Wilbur C. Hallenbeck. These two are publications of the Institute of Social and Religious Research. The third is *The Role of the Church in Rural Community Life in Virginia,* a publication of the Virginia Agricultural Experiment Station.

The whole matter of comity and co-operation and of in-

terdenominational relationships in general has been the theme of a great many gatherings during the year. This wide-spread discussion is, of course, a necessary part of the process of creating the sentiment which will make real progress possible. The Committee recognized that its task is laid out for it for several years to come. It hopes that in the development of it, it will have the continued and increasing co-operation of the Boards.

Recommendation

At a meeting held on January 6th the Joint Committee representing the Home Missions Council, the Federal Council and the Community Church Workers adopted a paper on principles for united churches with the request that this paper be presented to each of the three co-operating organizations for consideration and action. The Committee recommends the adoption by these Councils of this paper which is as follows:

Declaration of principles intended to be a guide in the uniting of churches in small communities:

Resolved, That in making church adjustments in communities of 1,000 and less the following principles shall be recognized. The constitution for the united congregation should recognize:

A. The primacy of the community interests and the rights and affections of the smaller groups as well as the larger.

B. That the church should be so formed, and its affairs so conducted, that, in all things local, it will work towards a single church consciousness, while, in its outside affiliations, it shall conserve such missionary objectives and fellowship interests as continue to enlist the affections of the membership.

C. That it shall show sacred regard for the ceremonies, customs or sacraments through which the several groups have been wont to express themselves, making suitable arrangements for their continuance.

D. That its affiliations shall be such as, on the one hand, will not interfere with the development of a single church consciousness and a new community ideal, and on the other, will keep it in touch with the going order of Christendom and in harmony with those ideals and convictions which through the generations have become contributions of world wide value.

A memorandum has been placed in the hands of the Committee including a recommendation which we would also ask permission to present. This memorandum calls attention to the special interest in Mormon Work during the ensuing year. The resolution, the adoption of which the Committee recommends, is as follows:

BE IT RESOLVED: That the Home Missions Council be requested to prepare a presentation of the work that has been done in the Mormon area by the Evangelical denominations. This presentation should contain the history of these missionary operations, together with a full statement of outstanding and definite results that have accrued therefrom, and accompanying these two statements should be drawn up a program of common co-operation and effort with which to guide the missionary work of the Evangelical churches of the Mormon area in the years to come.

HERMANN N. MORSE, *Chairman.*

INTERDENOMINATIONAL COUNCIL ON SPANISH-SPEAKING WORK

The Eighteenth Annual Meeting of the Council was held in Denver, Colorado, December 10-15, 1929, and the proceedings reported by Rev. J. I. Candelaria, the recording secretary.

The subjects presented at the meeting were as follows:

"Stabilizing Migrant Mexicans," by Miss Adela J. Ballard.

"Nueva Senda" and the Havana Congress, by Rev. E. T. Cornelius.

"The Challenge of Worship," "The Challenge of Advance," and "The Challenge of the Impossible," by Bishop Charles L. Mead.

"Survey of Mexican Work Outside the Southwest," by Rev. Robert N. McLean.

"Salient Objectives in Our Task," by Mr. C. V. Maddux, Labor Commissioner of the Great Western Sugar Co.

"Organizing a Church for Spanish-speaking People," by Rev. Lacy Simms.

Illustrated lecture, "Give Us Our Daily Bread," by Rev. Ezra Cox.

"Training and Leadership," by Rev. W. I. Shattuck.

"The Great Challenge," by Rev. D. S. Howard.

"After Seminary, What?" by Rev. Paul H. Buchholz.

Report of Work Among Mexicans in Chicago, by Rev. W. B. O'Neill.

"Our Christian Attitude Toward Roman Catholicism," by Rev. H. A. Bassett.

"The Providential Challenge of Our Mexican," by Rev. E. D. Kohlstedt.

"Helping Others to Help Themselves," by Mrs. Y. M. Vasquez.

"The Experience of a Mexican Student in an American University," by Miss Elfida Vasquez.

Gist of the Thesis on Mexican Immigrants, by Prof. B. F. Coen.

The Executive Committee on December 10th appointed the following committees:

Executive Committee
Rev. H. A. Bassett
Rev. E. R. Brown
Rev. Maurice Nichols
Rev. G. A. Walls
Rev. E. T. Cornelius
Rev. Jose I. Candelaria

Comity Committee
Rev. E. R. Brown
Rev. H. A. Bassett
Rev. Maurice Nichols
Adela J. Ballard
Rev. E. T. Cornelius
Rev. C. C. Dobbs

Literature Committee
Rev. V. M. McCombs
Rev. R. N. McLean
Rev. Ezra Cox
Rev. A. F. Ragatz
Reese A. Scull
Mrs. H. R. Howland

Program Committee
Rev. V. M. McCombs
Rev. E. T. Cornelius
Rev. Seneca B. Garcia
Rev. H. A. Bassett
Prof. H. C. Donaldson

Education and Leadership Committee
Rev. G. W. Hinman
Rev. H. C. Donaldson
Rev. Ezra Cox
Rev. A. C. Stevens

Survey and Research Committee
Rev. R. N. McLean
Rev. G. W. Hinman
Rev. W. R. King
Mary Campbell
Rev. Lacy Simms

Findings Committee
Rev. Ezra Cox, *Chairman*
Maude Kinniburgh
Mary Campbell
Adela J. Ballard
Rev. W. R. King
Rev. H. A. Bassett
Chairmen of all Committees

Budget Committee
Rev. Homer McMillan
Rev. E. D. Kohlstedt
Rev. R. N. McLean
Rev. D. S. Howard
Adela J. Ballard
Rev. Grant K. Lewis
Rev. G. W. Hinman
Rev. W. R. King

Nominating Committee

Rev. H. C. Donaldson
Mary Campbell
Rev. S. B. Garcia
Rev. E. R. Brown

Religious Education Committee

Rev. G. A. Walls—Rev. Lacy Simms
Rev. A. C. Stevens—Rev. Ezra Cox
Rev. E. T. Cornelius
Florence M. Sayer
Rev. T. C. Perry—Miss A. M. Conrad
Miss A. W. Metzker

The Rev. Robert N. McLean was named the representative of the Interdenominational Council to the annual meeting of the Home Missions Council at Atlantic City, January 8-10, 1930.

Mr. Cornelius presented his second annual report as Executive Secretary of the Interdenominational Council, as follows:

There is a decided trend toward a decrease of immigration, and this has been very marked in the case of the Spanish-speaking populations. The following table will be of interest in our study.

	Immigrants Admitted 1928	1929
Cuban	2,058	2,141
Mexico	57,765	38,980
Spanish	1,018	899
Spanish-American	3,490	3,259
West Indian (except Cuban)	....	380
	Emigrant 1928	1929
Cuba	1,282	1,116
Mexico	3,873	7,172
Spanish	2,578	1,565
Spanish-American	1,720	1,755
	Debarred	Deported 1929
Cuba	28	20
Mexico	3,131	5,407
Spanish	197	265
Spanish-American	116	175
West Indies (except Cuba)	28	8

These populations are largely concentrated in the Southwest, although Spanish-speaking people are to be found in almost every section of the country. Government statistics are not available regarding illegal entry nor of geographical and occupational distribution. We know that Mexicans are engaged in a great variety of pursuits, from unskilled labor to the professions. They are bearing a great many of America's economic burdens.

Repatriation has been much accelerated the past year owing to increased immigration vigilance. No substantial progress has been reported looking toward restrictive legislation for Mexico and other Spanish-American countries.

Various Organizations

The Roman Catholic church has manifested unusual activity among the Mexicans during the last year. Most of this increased interest was due to the presence of expatriated priests and nuns. These Catholic workers have attempted to counteract the growing momentum of our Evangelical agencies.

In some areas the Mexican Blue Cross has rendered splendid service through their clinics. The Sociedad Honorifica has enlisted many Mexicans of higher station. Mutual benefit societies and quasi-patriotic organizations have influenced Mexicans considerably. The Mexican Catholic church is expanding due to the support of consular officials.

The Public Schools are functioning more conscientiously and efficiently each year. The burden of the Mexican school population is very heavy, but our better cities are faithfully meeting the situation, and scores of smaller communities are increasing facilities for those of Spanish speech. It is probable that no other agency of our American life is serving more efficiently.

Our benevolence organizations are still overburdened, but many Mexican districts have bettered their economic status greatly during the last few years. Community centers report much relief work, but our evangelical centers give more and more attention to religious education.

Evangelical Progress

We are much encouraged by statistics gathered for the Havana Congress last summer. A comparison with figures of 1920 would give us new zeal for our task. The Executive Office should have available at all times accurate and detailed information of all our Spanish-speaking Work. Every indication is toward slow but certain growth, especially in national leadership and church membership. The communions that have placed due emphasis on this phase have much development resulting therefrom. Many Boards are finding it necessary to curtail various phases of their missionary work as budgets have not kept pace with growth or opportunity. We are now facing our period of greatest need and opportunity with diminishing support.

This is manifest not only in our denominational enterprises, but our interdenominational are having a very hard time. The interdenominational appropriations are cut first, and probably justly so. This has been no less true of our Council during the last two years. Many of our Boards have sent their remittances promptly, while others have not given any support during the period. In the face of urgent need for advancement, a more widely distributed Spanish-speaking population, and for increasing development of our major interdenominational programs, we should support the Council more adequately, or reduce it to a mere fraternal fellowship.

Your attention is called to the following basic phases of our work that can be dealt with most efficiently, through the Council:

1. Religious Education.
2. Training for Christian Leadership.
3. Production and Distribution of Literature.
4. Survey and Research.
5. Migrant Work.
6. Comity.
   a. Occupation of the field.
   b. Spanish-speaking organizations.

At our 1928 meeting held in Claremont, California, in November, we urged the Boards to make possible the employment of a full time Executive Secretary. One Board immediately approved this forward step. We hope and pray that the rest will do so at an early date.

Nueva Senda

Our paper has appeared regularly each month, with the exception of three issues that were combined for reasons of economy. The paper has been published at an average saving of about $25.00 per

month over former years. The circulation has remained static at 1,800. Mr. Rembao, the Spanish Editor, has served faithfully and splendidly, often at considerable personal sacrifice. We humbly and contritely acknowledge the deficiencies of the *Senda*, at once trusting it may have made a goodly contribution to our co-operative fellowship. The chief problem is in making it function both as a bulletin of the Council and a general church periodical. Two years' experience have led me to the conclusion that our total interests would be best served by the publication of a multigraphed monthly, semi-monthly or as need should arise; and that the Council grant an annual subsidy to *Nueva Senda* under a joint editorial board, composed of an equal number of Spanish and English-speaking; the administrator to be English-speaking and the editorial staff Spanish-speaking. It would have to be largely a labor of love because of difficulty of securing funds at this time.

Havana Congress

Major emphasis was given to the Havana Evangelical Congress until July. Our efforts were fully justified by the magnificent results of that memorable gathering. We had a representative delegation of sixteen, ten of whom were Spanish, and six English-speaking. Wholehearted recognition was accorded our group and they made valuable contribution to the success of the undertaking. The following persons composed our delegation: Cosme C. Cota, B. E. García, Carlos C. Córdova, W. B. O'Neill, Juan Orts González, Miguel Narro, Eleazar Guerra, J. M. Cueva, Sergio Cobián, Alberto Rembao, Dr. and Mrs. John Howland, Paul Warnshuis, Dr. F. S. Onderdonk, Mr. and Mrs. E. T. Cornelius. I wish to express my great appreciation of our Field Executives for their support and loyal co-operation, and their devoted service in their fields of labor. It is my conviction that no mission field has a finer group than we have here. The chairmen of our committees have made possible whatever progress has been achieved. The Council has been signally honored in having as its president, Dr. John Howland, who has enriched us by his long and successful service to Mexico. His deep devotion to the Mexican people have led him to give himself unreservedly to this task.

Recommendations

1. That we continue to work toward the employment of a full time Executive Secretary.
2. That we co-operate with the Committee on Religious Education for Latin America in the production of certain units of the Standard Leadership Training Curriculum in Spanish.
3. That we proceed at once to plan for interdenominational leadership training schools in our largest centers; these schools to conform to the standards set by the International Council of Religious Education.
4. That we celebrate our 1930 meeting in connection with the meeting of the Home Missions Council.
5. That immediate steps be taken to advance the organization of a Spanish-speaking organization to be co-ordinated with the Confederation approved at the Havana Congress.
6. That we study earnestly the suggestions made for the future of *Nueva Senda*.

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The Findings Committee presented a very complete report. A brief summary of the recommendations made follows:

1. The Committee recommends the approval and adoption of the resolution regarding the relationship of this Council to the Home Missions Council and that the change be made in the constitution to indicate that relationship. *"Therefore, Be It Resolved;* That the first clause of Article I of the Constitution of this Council which reads: 'The name of this organization shall be the Interdenominational Council on Spanish-speaking Work' be changed to read: 'The name of this organization shall be the Interdenominational Council on Spanish-speaking Work, a Commission of the Home Missions Council.' *Resolved*: That this change in name and relationship shall not be considered in any way affecting the rest of the constitution or changing the membership, organization, or working plans of the Council, but is solely in the interest of a clearer understanding of relationship and a broader and more vital fellowship through the closer organic unity of the two bodies."
2. That we request the Home Missions Council to co-operate with the Interdenominational Council on Spanish Work in providing vacation training schools for Mexican pastors and workers.
3. The Committee approves and commends the work of the migrant division of the Council of Women for Home Missions as it touches the vast army of Mexican migrant workers.
4. The Findings Committee recommends the adoption of the report of the Religious Education Committee.
5. The Comity Committee called attention to comity arrangements made between Presbyterians and United Brethren, the comity experiment in San Joaquin Valley under the directional oversight of an interdenominational council; also to unoccupied territories where Mexicans are untouched by the Gospel.
6. The Committee on Literature recommended that the list of approved tracts be revised, that new tracts be written and published, and called attention to the need of a bilingual hymn book.
7. That the Committee on Education and Leadership be continued and urged to make a report at the next annual meeting.
8. That the report of the Executive Secretary and all standing committees be combined as a general report to the annual meeting of the Home Missions Council.
9. That the Committee on Survey and Research in their study of industrial conditions add the subject of contracts, bonuses and housing in the beet sugar area and be authorized to call in local expert advisers as seems necessary.
10. That the office and executive committee of the Council name a Pentecost committee.
11. The formation of a permanent committee on community centers was requested.
12. That a letter of appreciation be prepared and sent to Señor Y. M. Vasques, the resident Mexican Consul.
13. A resolution of appreciation to the officers and speakers, to the pastor of the church and to the recording secretary, and to all who contributed to the success of the meeting.

WEST INDIES

(*From Annual Report of Committee on Co-operation in Latin America*)

The West Indies are scheduled for special study by the Churches of the United States through the Missionary Education Movement, which will bring out three books on the subject in June, 1930: the adult book written by Samuel G. Inman, the young people's book by Jay S. Stowell, the children's by Miss Winifred Hulburt. For this reason the following items taken from report of the Chairman of our sub-committee on the West Indies, Rev. Chas. S. Detweiler, and the situation which he describes, are of particular interest.

Economic conditions in the West Indies have steadily grown worse for the common people in proportion as agricultural production has become organized as big business. There has been a growing tendency on the part of large corporations to absorb the land, because sugar, tobacco and bananas can be produced profitably only on a large scale. As the small landowner disappears, a large proportion of food-stuffs must be imported, thus increasing the cost of living. This is especially true of Porto Rico. Coffee was the poor man's crop, because it could be raised on small as well as on large farms. Coffee suffered more than any other major crop from the hurricane of September, 1928. It will take at least five years to restore the coffee production to what it was before the great disaster. The poor felt that they could not wait for this and in many cases turned to raising tobacco. Unfortunately the price has been low, and many landowners have lost their farms because unable to repay money which had been advanced to them.

There is now more actual hunger in Porto Rico than immediately after the hurricane, fifteen months ago. One does not see many cases of literal starvation but rather abundant evidences of undernourishment. According to Governor Roosevelt tuberculosis is fastening upon the children who have no strength to resist it. The death-rate from tuberculosis has more than doubled in the last fifteen years, and is now more than four times that of the United States. The Golden Rule Foundation is sending money for lunches for school children. But something must be done that goes to the root of the situation. More food-stuffs must be produced, the small landowner must be protected; industries must be established, household arts be taught, and needleworkers protected from exploitation; and possibly emigration to Santo Domingo, wisely directed, might partially relieve over-population. The crying

need of Porto Rico is work. The new governor, Theodore Roosevelt, is winning the confidence and affection of the people by a straight-forward administration of public affairs and by a courageous facing of problems.

In Cuba there is also hunger but with less excuse than in Porto Rico because there is no over-population. Cuba depends upon sugar for its life, and consequently suffers when the price is too low to yield a reasonable profit or when tariff changes in the United States threaten the very existence of the industry. It seems strange that the Cubans and foreign investors there are so slow in abandoning their reliance upon sugar and in learning to raise other crops.

Haiti depends upon coffee, and widespread suffering has resulted because Brazil dumped upon the market some of its large reserves held in storage and thus lowered the price. The Haitian peasant, however, has not been as seriously affected as the Cuban or Porto Rican; he still has the land, and because of his lower standards of living he has fewer wants. It is still possible for him to live from the soil. The few foreign companies that have secured land in Haiti have not prospered, and there has been no great temptation to enlarge these concessions.

The Havana Congress on Christian Work held last June resulted in a marked drawing together of Spanish-speaking Christians from the different countries bordering on the Caribbean. New bonds of sympathy were created and the desire was frequently expressed for some permanent federation of evangelical churches. The danger now threatening is that nothing will be done, because the churches are too poor to create the machinery of co-operation that will overcome the geographical barriers and the mission boards are unable to finance any new enterprise. The spiritual results of the Havana Congress will not be wholly lost, in any case, because the fellowship there begun between the nationals of different countries will continue to be cultivated through our evangelical papers, and the next forward movement in co-operation will thereby be the easier.

In Porto Rico the Evangelical Seminary has in this past year begun the building of the president's and two professors' houses. This is the first step in a building program that will ultimately mean a chapel, a dormitory, and a recitation hall for students on one campus.

In Santo Domingo the Rev. N. H. Huffman has retired from the position of superintendent of the mission work of the United Board, and has been succeeded by the Rev. Barney N. Morgan. Dr. Huffman continues in Santo Domingo,

giving himself specially to an industrial educational project. The British Wesleyan Society is in correspondence with the Board for Christian Work in Santo Domingo concerning the latter's taking over the Wesleyan work in Santo Domingo.

In Haiti the Baptist Mission reports a steady increase of membership. The force has been increased by a woman missionary and by a young Haitian of superior training, recently returned after four years' study in the United States. In no other island of the West Indies is there more opportunity for missionaries to carry on a ministry of reconciliation. The American occupation has benefited the peasant, but has failed to win the sympathy and co-operation of the educated classes. The missionary can show by his conduct as well as by his preaching that in Christ there is no place for racial superiority.

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The following interesting and significant excerpts are also taken from the annual report of the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America:

"Professor Erasmo Braga, of Brazil, states somewhat more positively the detailed duties of this Committee which have resulted from the Havana Congress, when he writes in *El Heraldo Cristiano*:

It was natural for the Congress to see the Iberian problem from their own viewpoint and yet, instead of itself appointing a committee to carry out the findings and recommendations, the Congress asked the Committee on Co-operation in Latin America, which was evolved from the Panama Congress in 1916, to serve as the agency to push not only those developments which are especially planned for the Caribbean, but also those to be extended to the whole continent, some of which will touch profoundly the vital interests of the Iberian race.

Thus the aspects of the Montevideo Congress, which are common to all the evangelical forces in the conference, were endorsed and amplified by the Havana meeting. In Havana we have outlined a great strategy in a triangle which can be defined as follows:

1. *Religious Education.* As this inclusive program was outlined at Montevideo and Havana, it will require the mobilization of all our forces in the Spanish and Portuguese-speaking countries. We can do no less than ask the help and contributions of our friends in other countries. The problem of religious education will test the ability of our Iberian forces to interpret our own experiences and our own actual conditions, on which we must construct our new curriculum. Investigations are necessary in order to know ourselves and to give us the scientific element which we need to interpret our Christian message. These new methods, with the pupil as a center, should mean that the worship in our Sunday Schools, in our churches, and in our schools and colleges will be efficient means of evangelization.

2. *Literature.* We can see now that we must enlarge our conceptions concerning the circulation of our books and think in editions of many thousands of copies of books published. The projected association of evangelical book-dealers and presses will mean the possibility of organizing individual and collective initiative and thus do

away with the duplication of work and unnecessary competition. The ample horizon opened at Havana should show us the way of discovering good authors which we so much need for the production of new apologetic and educational literature.

3. *The International Federation of Churches.* This, for me, is the crown of the thirteen years' work since Panama. We are not able to exaggerate the enormous prestige of an evangelical federation in twenty-three nations, including Spain and Portugal. We will thus be able to eliminate many political schemes aimed at the evangelicals and command a new respect from Protestantism which will demand the respect of all those who have, during the centuries, been accustomed to the great Mediterranean Imperial Fraternity of our race and to the unity of state and church.

Under such an International Federation of Churches, which if formed, would be the most inclusive in the world, although composed of small units of various different countries, it is possible that great spiritual forces will be liberated."

"The largest responsibility which the Havana Congress placed upon the Committee on Co-operation was implied in its request for the Committee's active help in promoting the Federation of Evangelical Churches in Latin America."

"There is no more perplexing problem facing this Committee at the present time than that of how to meet the overwhelming demands made by favorable conditions and voiced by many Latin American Christians for the enlargement of co-operative work, in face of the evident shrinking of the ability of constituent boards to help answer these demands and, frankness compels us to add, the restrictions imposed in some quarters by the rising spirit of denominationalism."

"Whenever union institutions have been set up, separate boards of trustees have been organized to which the Committee has had only a vague unofficial relationship. And yet sometimes years pass without meetings of these union boards, and a certain feeling seems to exist that the Committee on Co-operation is responsible for the success of these enterprises. It is not fair to these enterprises nor to the Committee on Co-operation that such a situation should exist. Responsibilities for the programs and the support of co-operative enterprises should be definitely fixed and those taking such responsibilities should be prepared to give the time and effort necessary for the efficient administration and financing of such institutions. It would seem to be a self-evident truth that union enterprises, simply because they represent a fine spirit of Christian co-operation, cannot continue as efficient institutions unless they have the consecration and attention of a competent group who has accepted such responsibility."

"Personal evangelism is also as indispensable today as it ever was in the past. This Committee is pleased that its Spanish editor, Dr. Juan Orts Gonzales, is aiding in building in New York City itself a most successful evangelical agency, the Union Spanish-speaking Church of this city, which promises to be, because of its numbers and organization, one of the largest Spanish-speaking evangelical churches in the world."

North American Home Missions Congress

The Second Annual Meeting of the Commissions was held January 7th and 8th, in First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City, N. J.

The members of Commissions I, II and III met in plenary session on January 7, 1930, at 2 p. m.

Dr. John M. Moore, secretary of the Federal Council of the Churches, led in a devotional service and made a brief, helpful address.

The Executive Secretary, Dr. W. R. King, stated the purpose of the meetings and the suggested lines of procedure.

Dr. William Adams Brown was elected chairman of the plenary sessions.

Dr. King reported upon the tentative, suggested program of procedure for the Congress which had been worked out by the chairmen of the commissions. He suggested that the Congress begin Monday, December 1, 1930, at 2 p. m. and continue until Friday, 1 p. m.; the first two days, Monday and Tuesday, to be given to the presentation of the whole picture of the home mission enterprise as it is today. In the evening of Monday the opening address is to be made by Bishop McConnell. On Tuesday the commissions are to report under four heads—task, administration, promotion and co-operation, and the chairman of each commission is to give an interpretation of his subject. On Wednesday the delegates are to fall apart into 12 group conferences; all groups to discuss during the day in their separate conferences the same general subjects but each group to give special attention to some specially designated topic. On Thursday the delegates are to come together in plenary session morning and afternoon to hear reports from the various groups.

It was also suggested that each group have a chairman, secretary and counselor, and that this body of 36 people constitute a committee of findings which will bring in its report on Friday morning.

The Executive Secretary was then asked to state the purpose of the Congress, which he did briefly as follows:

1st—To find out what the home mission task is today in the light of all the changes of recent years, that is, what is home missions today?

2nd—To face up squarely, frankly and adventurously to the question of home mission administration. Are we administering the home mission tasks as they should be administered? Are present methods out of date? If so, why and how, and what else can be done?

3rd—How to get this cause of home missions before our churches, our people, our constituency, in such a way as to get a reaction in life, money and service for the carrying out and finishing of this enterprise of home missions.

4th—How are the denominations going to get closer together to do this thing, that is, co-operate in home missions?

Voted, that the Committee of Arrangements secure for the program outstanding speakers and that it invite specially representative people to the Congress.

A request from the Council of Women for Home Missions for an enlargement of the quotas assigned to the constituent boards was discussed at some length. It was the sense of the meeting that the number be held to about 500, and that a committee be appointed to bring in a report on re-allocation of quotas. The following committee was appointed: Dr. Moore, Miss Rule, Miss Quinlan, Mr. Stowell, Dr. Merrill.

The Commissions met in separate sessions the evening of January 7th.

The members of the Commissions met again in plenary session at 9:00 a. m. January 8, 1930, in First Presbyterian Church.

Devotional service was led by Rev. E. Tallmadge Root of Boston.

Brief reports were made by chairmen of commissions and chairmen of sub-committees concerning separate sessions of Commissions held the evening of January 7.

General discussion followed which touched upon points suggested in these reports.

Dr. John M. Moore reported for the special committee appointed to consider quotas for the Congress as follows:

It is suggested that we hold to the total of 500 delegates and that the members-at-large be cared for in another way.

That constituent boards release allotments not required and automatically release those which are not filled by October 1st. If by October 1st all names and assurances have not been received by Dr. King, then those places are automatically released.

That requests for larger allotments be received and filled as releases make it possible.

That we make up a list of members who are particularly desired and endeavor to secure their appointments in denominational delegations and that others, so far as possible, be made members-at-large.

That we indicate to the constituent boards the types of members desired so as to insure the presence of at least the following:

National and state administrators.

Leaders of youth.

Specialists, such as historians, business administrators, educators, economists, etc.

Missionaries of various types.

Representatives of the people evangelized, members of mission churches, the products of home missions.

Inter-church workers.

Laymen.

In addition, a number (say 300) be allotted to the denominations for more or less non-official visitors who would be present.

The Committee of Arrangements for the Home Missions Congress met on Wednesday, January 8th, at 2:30 p. m., in First Presbyterian Church, Atlantic City, and the following important actions were taken:

VOTED, that the place of meeting and the headquarters for the Congress be the Calvary Baptist Church, Washington, D. C.

Voted, that no hotel be designated as the headquarters hotel, but that a number of conveniently located hotels be listed and that the headquarters be the Church.

Dr. Moore reported substance of the action taken at the joint meeting of the Commissions concerning the assignments of the quotas of delegates.

VOTED, to approve of this action.

VOTED, that the Committee request the Washington City Federation of Churches to act as the local Committee of Arrangements.

VOTED, that there be prepared a data book to include the substance of the reports of the Commissions and other pertinent matter, this to be distributed in advance, and that the preparation of this book be committed to an Editorial Committee consisting of Mr. Morse as chairman, the chairmen of the Commissions, and Dr. King and Miss Quinlan, ex-officio.

VOTED, that the registration fee for individual members to the Congress be $3.00.

VOTED, that all Boards and other organizations represented in the Congress be asked to pay a graduated registration fee of from $25 minimum to $100 maximum.

VOTED, that the matter of exhibits at the Congress be referred to Commission II, Sub-committee on Publicity, Rev. Coe Hayne,

chairman, and that we request the co-operation in this of Mr. Harry Myers of the Baptist Board of Promotion.

The Executive Secretary presented an outline of the program for the Congress as tentatively drafted by the officers of the Commissions.

VOTED, that each Commission be requested to consider the formulation of a limited number of propositions or questions within its field of interest which are of fundamental importance and which shall be made the basis for the group discussions and that these propositions or questions be included in the printed program, these to take the place of the topics suggested in the tentative program as presented by the Executive Secretary.

VOTED, that all the Commissions be requested to have their final reports in hand by not later than October 1st.

Constitution

Article I.—Name

This organization shall be called the Home Missions Council.

Article II.—The Object

Its aim shall be to promote fellowship, conference, and co-operation among Christian organizations doing missionary work in the United States, Canada, and their dependencies.

Article III.—Membership

Section 1.—*Organization.* Any missionary organization of any religious denomination, doing work of general scope in the territory above specified, may become a member of this Council by application to, and approval of, the Executive Committee, and by vote of the Council.

Sec. 2.—*Persons.* These organizations may be represented in the Council by any or all of their officials or members of their official boards, whose scope of responsibility is co-extensive with that of the organization they represent.

Individuals having peculiar relationship to the work of National Home Missions, denominational or interdenominational, may be made Honorary Members of the Council, on the recommendation of the Executive Committee, with privileges of the floor, and membership on committees, but without vote.

Article IV.—Officers

The officers of the Council shall be a President, six Vice Presidents, an Executive Secretary, a Recording Secretary, a Treasurer; and such other officers as may from time to time be determined.

Article V.—The Executive Committee

Section 1.—*Election.* The Executive Committee shall consist of not more than forty persons, elected by the Council at its annual meeting, divided into three groups nearly equal, each group so chosen as to serve a term of three years, and one group be elected each year.

Sec. 2.—*Incorporation.* The Executive Committee shall be the incorporated body of the Council.

Sec. 3.—*Powers.* The affairs of the Council shall be under the direction of the Executive Committee. It shall determine its own times of meeting, and shall make its own rules and by-laws; it shall have power to fill vacancies in its number, such appointees to hold office until the next annual meeting of the Council. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

Article VI.—The Administrative Committee

Section 1.—*Of the Council.* The Executive Committee shall elect an Administrative Committee of nine persons, to have general oversight of the affairs of the Council.

Sec. 2.—*Joint Administrative Committee.* The Administrative Committee may constitute, with an equal number appointed by the Council of Women for Home Missions, a Joint Administrative Committee, to have charge of the business details of the Joint Committees, and of interests which are common to the two Councils. This Committee may select its chairman from its own membership.

Article VII.—Standing Committees

Standing Committees of such number and size as may be determined by the Council shall be appointed at each annual meeting to have general oversight of interests within Home Mission fields, as indicated by their names.

Any or all of these committees may become Joint Committees of this Council and of the Council of Women for Home Missions.

Article VIII.—Departments

For the setting-up and administration of special tasks and special types of Home Mission service, departments of the Home Missions Council may be recognized, having, as may be agreed upon, (1) varying degrees of self-direction, and (2) financial support from Boards, individuals and other sources, their direct connection with the Council being preserved, (3) through intimate correlation with definite phases of the Council's work, in committees, or otherwise, and (4) through reporting to the Council or its Committees.

Article IX.—Relations with Other Organizations

Section 1.—*Consultative and Co-operative Bodies.* The Council sustains intimate and co-operative relations with interdenominational bodies, some voluntary and some representative, which carry on various phases of work in national Home Mission fields. By mutual agreement these bodies may be listed as Consultative and Co-operative Bodies of the Council.

Sec. 2.—*Affiliated Bodies.* In states and in other geographical areas, groups of interdenominational organizations and workers engaged in promoting Home Mission interests may be enrolled as Affiliated Bodies of the Home Missions Council.

Article X.—Finances

The expenses of the Council shall be met by an apportionment to the organizations of which it is composed, in the ratio of their expenditures of the previous year, the apportionment to be determined by a Committee on Finance, appointed by the Administrative Committee, which shall report at the annual meeting for the ensuing fiscal year.

Article XI.—Meetings

The Executive Committee may call a meeting of the Council at any time. It shall call the annual meeting of the Council in January of each year, to elect members of said Committees and to consider the general interests represented by the Council.

Article XII.—Amendments

This Constitution may be amended at any annual meeting by a two-thirds vote.

Note: On January 9, 1930, the Nominating Committee recommended, and the Annual Meeting approved, that the election of the president, the vice-presidents and chairmen of standing committees be annual, as at present, but with not more than one consecutive re-election.

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